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PEKING STUDYING UN PEACE PLAN

Hint Of Acceptance, But With Certain Reservations

London, Jan. 15.

Informed quarters said today that there are indications that Communist China may accept the United Nations proposals for a settlement in Korea with "certain reservations."

The Indian ambassador in Peking is understood to have advised the Prime Minister, Mr. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, in London that Red China will consent to four-power talks, providing the troops were not expected to withdraw from their present positions in Korea.

The Chinese are apparently willing to accept the proposals from the United Nations Political Committee itself, but not from the three-man cease-fire committee which Peking maintains is not "representative."

SOEKARNO OFFERS TO RESIGN

Djakarta, Jan. 15.

President Soekarno offered today to resign if the people demand it as a result of his failure to make good a pledge to obtain Dutch-held New Guinea for Indonesia by January 1, 1951.

But assuming his continuation in office, the Indonesian leader told a correspondents' dinner: "Our new aim must be to get Irian (the Indonesian word for West New Guinea) back before the dawn of January 1, 1952."

President Soekarno plainly showed his chagrin over the failure of the recent New Guinea conference in Holland.

Reds Release Americans

Berlin, Jan. 16.

The Soviet authorities today released three American soldiers arrested by the East German police when they entered the Soviet Zone inadvertently yesterday.

They crossed the border while hunting in the Ameri sector district of Liebenrode.

The delay in securing their release was due to the fact that yesterday the Russians were celebrating their New Year's Day—and simply left their telephones off the hook, an American Army officer said.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Creditable Decision

GENERAL Collins, United States Chief of Staff has announced that there is no intention of incontinently pulling United Nations forces out of Korea in face of pressure from the Chinese Communist and North Korean armies. On the contrary, says General Collins, reinforcements are going to be sent to bolster the Eighth Army. This is good news, not because anyone wishes to see the fighting in Korea last a minute longer than can be avoided, but because the decision does credit to the honour and prestige of the United Nations in its stand against wanton aggression. Moreover, to concede, by default, the rest of Korea to the Communist troops would present the Chinese Reds with an intolerable bargaining position when it comes to a question of deciding, by negotiation, the future of Korea. Nor is there a discernible reason, from the purely military tactical point of view, why the United Nations army should not be able to provide for itself a sufficiently strong beachhead from which it could not only successfully defy any onslaught, but which would present opportunities for dealing punishing blows to the enemy's over-extended lines of supply. Such a situation is probably appreciated by the Chinese Communist military leaders and may well provide one reason why the Peking Government in showing itself to be rather more amenable to the idea of bringing hostilities to an end in Korea. Manifestly Peking's reception of the latest UN proposals, which in effect are the product of the Commonwealth conference in London, is giving cause for

qualified satisfaction and renewed hopes at Lake Success. The policy of peace by negotiation without appeasement, which the majority of the United Nations members have so patiently advocated, may yet be vindicated. It all rests on Soviet Russia and Communist China. For all practical purposes no further proposals can be made. The Soviet bloc which has persistently voted against and vetoed the various plans for a cease-fire and a negotiated settlement has not offered any positive alternative proposals. Its attitude has been conventionally negative and obstructive—"full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." There are faint indications that the Communist clique are beginning even themselves to weary of this policy and are considering seriously the latest "end hostilities" proposals from the United Nations. The Peking Government has not yet officially acknowledged the proposals and its reply is still awaited. It may not be disclosed for several days, but the fact that Peking has not rejected the plan out of hand lends belief to the suggestion that the reply, when it is made, will be more favourable than anything which has yet come from the Chinese Communist government. There is satisfaction to be derived from the knowledge that the United Nations do not intend to allow any opportunity for a settlement by negotiation to pass by and this intention should be but another inducement to the Peking regime to accept the current proposals which, so far as the interests of China are concerned, are the most far-reaching offered to date.

Not Guilty Pleas To Murder Charge

Manila, Jan. 16.

Two suspects pleaded innocent to charges of killing Seattle businessman John P. Herber in a holdup last November.

Carlos Santiago and Juan Gonzales, indicted as accomplices in the crime, were arraigned before Cavite City Judge Jose Bernabe.

Cavite Province Fiscal Damaso S. Teneo charged Santiago and Gonzales were members of a bandit gang which ambushed a party of sightseers in the road 15 miles south of Manila last November 19.

Bandits took US\$450 from the party. When a Constabulary patrol appeared on the scene they shot Mr. Herber and Alexander Krivenko, Manila businessman, in the stomach. Mr. Herber, an exporter-importer here on a business visit, died within an hour.

Four others who have been indicted on charges of participating in the robbery-murder are still at large.

Trial of Santiago and Gonzales was set for February 19.—Associated Press.

Battle For Hanoi Reaches Climax

Hanoi, Jan. 15.

A major battle for Hanoi along a 75 mile front neared its climax tonight.

Vietminh rebel forces, estimated at 35 to 40 battalions, took the unprecedented action of deploying as a field army for daylight battle in open country on Monday. (A battalion normally is about 1,000 men, but Vietminh battalions may be smaller).

General De Lattre De Tassigny, French Commander in Chief who flew from Saigon to take personal charge of the defence of this capital of northern Indo-China, declared the French were standing firm as the battle entered its third night.

Though the French and their Vietnamese allies were heavily outnumbered, they held the advantage in artillery and air support.

Vietminh forces, coming out into the open for the first time, provided "a tremendous target and surely their losses were great," General De Lattre said.

French official circles in Paris were described as "somewhat alarmed" by charges in Pravda, Moscow Communist newspaper, that France and the United States are arming the Chinese Nationalists in Indo-China.

Moscow diplomats also were seriously disturbed by the charges.

PRAVDA ALLEGATION

It was pointed out that charges that Americans intended to use Korea as a base for an attack on Red China preceded Communist China's intervention in that war. The Pravda article said Indo-China was a most important base for attack on China by the Americans.

Pravda said \$800,000 had been earmarked from American aid funds for arming Chinese Nationalists. About 30,000 of them fled to Indo-China in December, 1949 when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces collapsed on the mainland.

They are now disarmed and included in Nationalist forces near Dinkat in southern Indo-China, and on the island of Phu Quoc in the Gulf of Siam, Paris informants said.

Reliable Paris sources said "there is fear in official quarters that this charge is the psychological spade-work for Chinese intervention in Indo-China."

Some French sources in Paris said they were apprehensive of the latest Vietminh offensive might force "at least a partial evacuation" of Hanoi.

The French recently ordered the evacuation of French non-combatants from the city, but General De Lattre cancelled the order early this month.—Associated Press.

FLU EPIDEMIC ASSESSED

Geneva, Jan. 15.

The present influenza epidemic in Europe cannot be compared either in spread or in severity to the serious epidemics in the early part of the century, the World Health Organization said today.

At the same time, the WHO warned that the epidemics' two main centres in Northern Europe and in Spain appear to be "on the point of joining across France."

"So far," the WHO report said, "complications are rare and the mortality rate remains very low. It is true, on the other hand, that influenza, however mild, may be fatal for the aged or for people suffering from heart disease."—Associated Press.

WHAT FOLLY IS THIS?

Mr Ronald Mackay, Socialist MP for Reading North, in a speech last week urged the Government to carry the break-up of the British Empire still further. Speaking in his constituency he said: "Britain has no right to be in Hong Kong and Malaya."

The following day the London Evening Standard editorialised on Mr Mackay's speech, in which it said:

What mad folly is this! Disputes can always be started about the rights and wrongs of any international title deeds, whether they concern whole countries, parts or just a coronation stone. But on one point there can be no dispute: Britain has a far better right to rule in Hong Kong and Malaya than the allies of the Soviet who are now working to gain their control.

Certainly, Mr Mackay, cries grossly if he believes that the great mass of the Malayan peoples and the inhabitants of Hong Kong would be glad to see the British leave at this moment.

Leaves For Tokyo



Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Mansergh, commander of British forces in Hong Kong, left this morning for Japan by BOAC to visit General MacArthur's Headquarters.

General Mansergh, who will later visit the British 27th and 20th Infantry Brigades in Korea, will be away from Hong Kong for about 10 days.

The Kashmir Question

Disagreement Narrowed Down

London, Jan. 15.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers here narrowed points of disagreement in the three-year-old dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir but agreement was not reached in their discussions here, it was announced tonight.

A communique issued from the British Prime Minister's Office tonight said, "The Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Ceylon have had informal meetings with the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan on the Kashmir problem."

"The subject was discussed freely and frankly, suggestions were put forward for its solution and the points of disagreement were narrowed although agreement has not been reached."

"The other Prime Ministers, impressed with the need for an early settlement of the problem were made in the course of their talks will be given the fullest consideration by the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan."—Reuter.

TRAMS COLLIDE

Goteborg, Sweden, Jan. 15.

Three passengers were killed and 25 injured when a set of trams rushed downhill here today with brakes out of order and crashed into another tram at the foot of the hill.

It was the worst tram accident on record in the city.—Associated Press.

UN FORCES FIGHT BACK HARD

Electrified By Gen. Lawton Collins' Declaration Of Faith

(By SELKIRK PANTON)

Tokyo, Jan. 16.

British and other United Nations forces in Korea are tonight living up to the promise — "We will certainly stay and fight" — made by the US Chief of Staff, Gen. Lawton Collins, in Korea yesterday and are fighting back hard.

On the Western front United Nations forces are thrusting up along the road to Seoul and have recaptured Osan, left without a fight a week ago, against "scattered opposition."

The move northwards was made by strong patrols "in force" backed by tanks which felt their way forward to probe the Chinese and North Korean Red strength in this sector.

The weakness of opposition suggests that the Chinese Reds may have swung troops over to the central front in an attempt to hammer a way through in Wonju, the danger area along the whole 140-mile front. There the United States 2nd Division with French and Dutch troops are holding firm. But Communists are creeping round the edge of the Wonju bulge and are driving deep to the southeast. If Chinese and North Korean Communist armies succeed in ironing out the bulge and making a deep southward dent in their turn at Wonju the way will be open to them to thrust against the vital lifeline and escape route of all United Nations forces in the west.

But that battle has not yet been decided. And General Collins with his firm declaration of faith in the United Nations to fight on in Korea has given an electrifying booster to the morale of both the troops and the United Nations command.

He has not silenced the parrot-like "We will have to get out" chorus of the defeatist but even they are affected by the general air of relief; "Thank goodness, now at last we know where we are."

While General Collins is on his two-day tour in Korea, secret top-level talks between his fellow travellers from Washington and General MacArthur and his GHQ staff are continuing in Tokyo.

These coincide with similar British defence talks in Hong Kong, giving the firm impression in Tokyo that not only the Chinese and Russians are bestirring themselves in the Far East.

Mysterious Fire At Meat Plant

Buenos Aires, Jan. 15.

A mysterious fire destroyed part of the big American owned International Packer, Ltd. meat packing plant at Perisno, 20 miles South of Buenos Aires today.

Flames also swept one section of the Perisno plant of the Swift Company of La Plata.

The police arrested an undisclosed number of persons for questioning as a rumour of sabotage spread.

Swift's is the largest of the four foreign-owned packing houses in the Argentine, and the principal supplier of meat for export.

The authorities gave no estimate of the damage except to say that it is in millions of pesos.

Five thousand tons of meat valued at 675,000 pesos (\$27,000) is reported a total loss and additional stock may have been damaged by smoke.

Swift officials said other sections of the plant are working on a limited basis and that slaughtering is proceeding as usual.

Police said three watchmen are being held for questioning.—Associated Press.

PRINCESS SEES DISPLAY

Malta, Jan. 15.

Princess Elizabeth this evening was accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh when she boarded the cruiser Phoebe and watched a searchlight tattoo by the ship's officers, and men.

The Phoebe is leaving Malta in mid-February and is recommissioning at Chatham.—Associated Press.

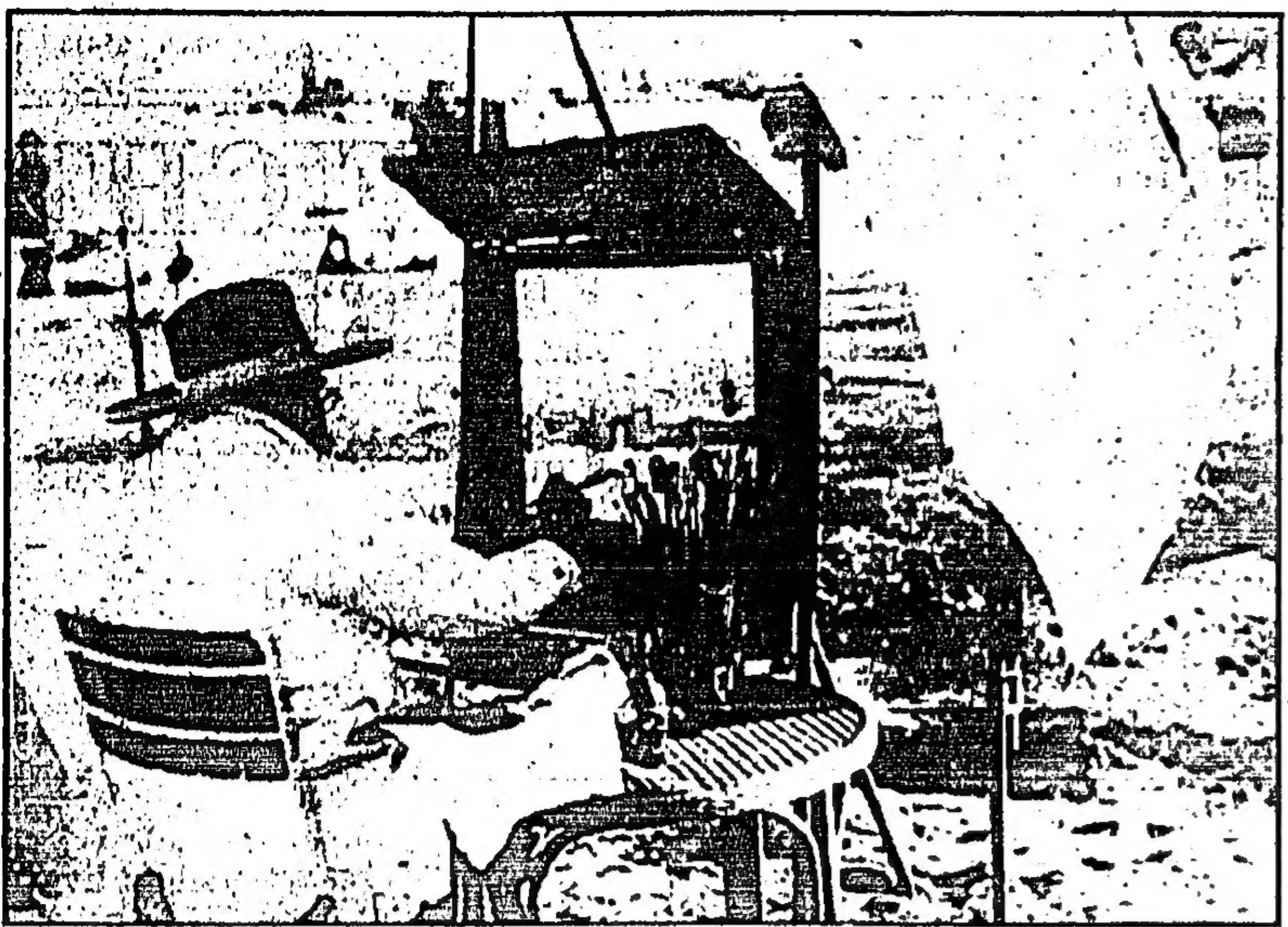
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Winston Painting In The Sun



Contrast from the wintry conditions now existing in European countries is provided by this picture showing Winston Churchill painting near Marrakesh, North Africa. Mr Churchill sits in the shade of an umbrella and wears a white coat and wide-brimmed hat.—AP Picture.

Pershing Tanks Sent To Berlin

Berlin, Jan. 15. Twenty-two of America's heaviest operational tanks—the 45-ton Pershing—arrived here today to strengthen the United States garrison in Berlin. Today's American armored reinforcements bring the total Allied strength in West Berlin to an estimated 34 medium and heavy tanks, about 16 other light armored vehicles, and between 12,000 and 15,000 troops.

The East German people's police are estimated by the Allies at between 50,000 and 70,000 picked men.—Reuter.

G.B.S. Legacy To Secretary

London, Jan. 15. George Bernard Shaw left an income of £500 a year for life to his secretary, Miss Blanche Patch. She disclosed this today at a news conference on her book "Thirty Years with G.B.S."

Miss Patch was also offered Shaw's house at Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, where he died last November, but she declined as she did not like the place—"It was much too cold."

The last thing that Shaw wrote was his signature on two pages of his income tax return when he was ill. Miss Patch had to hold his wrist as he signed. "They were the worst signatures of his that I have ever seen but apparently they satisfied the Inspector of Taxes," she declared.

Senator Accuses President Of Abuse Of Power

New York, Jan. 15. "We cannot possibly rely on the United Nations as a weapon against Russian aggression," declared Senator Robert Taft (Republican, Ohio) in an address before the Ohio Society tonight.

"The people of this country face today a constitutional crisis affecting the whole basis of government in the United States and the liberty of the people themselves."

Senator Taft alleged that President Truman undertook a war in Korea "without legal authority and in direct violation of the statute which specified that Congress must pass on troops to be furnished the United Nations under the Charter."

"Our danger has been made crystal clear by the results of the abuse of powers of the President in recent years," he continued, adding that Congress must "reassert its constitutional right to pass upon fundamental principles of foreign policy."

In the course of his speech, Senator Taft said:

"The censuring plan is the most complete surrender to which the United States has ever agreed. Of course, it encourages aggression and it is only a question of time before the Communist armies released by the ceasefire in Korea and the hamstringing of Chiang's army will march on down into Indo-China and Southeast Asia."

PRESIDENT'S CLAIM

"The effect of the President's claim that he can agree with foreign nations to commit American soldiers to an international force in any number and any place in the world without Congressional authority is to eliminate Congress and the people themselves for all practical purposes from any part in the decision of foreign policies and making of peace... this proposal to enter into agreement to commit American troops to an international army is a completely new proposition and a departure from past policy."

"The President is proposing to commit certain numbers of American divisions to the command of an international commander, selected not by him as commander-in-chief of the American Army but by a group of nations. At the moment they may choose General Eisenhower. Tomorrow they may choose a British or French commanding general. The undertaking proposed is far greater than that proposed under the United Nations Charter and much more likely to produce war. It is beyond anything contemplated by the Atlantic Pact."

"I have been shocked by the speed with which the blind partisans of the administration have rushed to the defense of the proposition that the President can make war and warfare commitments.—United Press.

THREATENING COMMUNIST DRIVE

Forces Reach To Within 50 Miles Of U.N. Headquarters

Infiltration By-Passes Wonju Perimeter

Tokyo, Jan. 15. Communist forces, driving down from the snow-covered hills of Central Korea, reached to within 50 miles of Taegu, the United Nations Headquarters in the South-East, today.

They attacked or threatened at least three points on the main supply road to the defence area south of Wonju.

BRITAIN'S ALL-OUT DEFENCE DRIVE

London, Jan. 15. Britain's top defence planners satisfied General Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Atlantic Pact Army, today that before the end of this year he will have behind him a Britain stronger than ever before in peacetime.

Military Chiefs of Staff told the General these things:

(1) Britain's arms will, over the next three years, be boosted to nearly £5,000 million in place of the £3,600 million programme previously planned.

(2) Armament orders amounting to £450,000,000 have already been placed, and industry is being geared up to a near wartime production effort.

(3) Already, 500,000 workers are engaged in arms production and by the end of March this figure will be up to 750,000.

(4) A scheme is on paper for an experimental call up of over 100,000 Z-class reserves, veterans of World War II who will be put under canvas for three months' training.

(5) The production of tanks and planes will be doubled and four new army divisions organised in the next year or so.

(6) Britain will probably station four army divisions instead of three in Germany under the Atlantic Pact organization.

(7) Britain and the Commonwealth countries have agreed on a rough blue-print for the defence of the Middle East which, with the Eastern Mediterranean, will form one of General Eisenhower's three Atlantic Pact zones. The others are Scandinavia and Western Europe.

The new rearmament plan has still to be passed by the Cabinet.

The austerity it will bring to British life will be a formidable political problem for the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and his Ministers.—Reuter.

Republican's Attack Over Hongkong

Washington, Jan. 15. Senator Paul Douglas (Democrat) in a senate speech today said that the United States armed forces should be increased to 6,000,000 men by next December 1 to prepare for any sudden Communist attack upon the West.

Earlier, Senator Ralph Flannery (Republican) had told the Senate that the strongly felt that Britain "must decide whether to cleave to the cause of freedom or the cause of tyranny and aggression."

"The conscience and judgment of the British people must be focused on the high issues involved in Britain's possession and use of the island of Hongkong. The public opinion of the world must be focused upon and support pressure from conscientious and intelligent citizens of Britain on their irresolute government. This issue must be so sharply drawn that her government shall have no alternative but to serve its own interests and the interests of its people by sacrificing the paltry millions or billions of Hongkong trade to the great purpose of maintaining a free world.—United Press.

Greek Squadron Active

Tokyo, Jan. 15. Greek pilots flew Dakota transports carrying supplies, ammunition and troops to Korea today.

The Greek squadron with the United Nations forces in Korea includes seven Dakotas and is commanded by Major John Kadzakis and Major Andreas Gorenko, both of Athens.

It arrived on Dec. 1 and began operations within a week.—Reuter.

The Chinese Communist and North Korean forces had apparently called off their frontal onslaught against the United States 2nd Division and the French and Dutch troops holding their unbending line below the city, and had gone back to their familiar tactics of infiltration.

A 2nd Division spokesman admitted that behind the lines activity remained "obscure."

It was clear, he said, that the Chinese Communists, thwarted in their head-on assault to cut through the Eighth Army's escape route to the south, had sent formations over the hills to join the waiting guerrillas gnawing at the roots of the United Nations' main defences.

A naval communiqué today hinted at a bloody battle at Cholsongni, 15 miles south of the 37th Parallel and 45 miles southeast of Wonju.

Naval planes broke the siege of the town, enabling a rescue convoy to get through while helicopters flew out the wounded, it said.

United Nations reconnaissance patrols on the Western front today re-entered Osan, 30 miles below Seoul, the South Korean capital, in the face of scattered opposition.

A Communist force up to 1,000-strong was reported today to be within 52 miles of the United Nations Korean Headquarters at Taegu, in South-East Korea.

The eastern sector remained relatively quiet.

The South Korean Naval Headquarters claimed today that 20,000 South Korean guerrillas, backed by naval gunfire, were intensifying their activity in the Haegu area, just above the 38th Parallel on the west coast.

Communist attempts to take Yonome Island, 2 miles southeast of Haegu, had been repulsed with the loss of 600 troops.

A refugee woman interrogated today said that as a result of the United Nations bombing, only one big building now remains standing in Wonju.—Reuter.

U.N. OFFENSIVE REPORTED

New York, Jan. 15. United Nations forces on the western Korean front have gone on the offensive, according to a dispatch from Osan, Korea, broadcast by New York Radio station.

The dispatch said that by nightfall teams composed of tanks and infantry had advanced up to 12 miles northward towards Seoul.—Reuter.

Washington, Jan. 15. The United States Defence Department said today that the United States 2nd Division in Korea "is not in any danger whatsoever of being cut off and destroyed."

A spokesman at the Department's briefing made this comment on suggestions that encircling movements by the Communists had placed the Division in serious danger.

He said that the Division "is doing a hell of a job" in denying the Communists the use of the vital road junction near Wonju.—Reuter.

OBSCURE

The picture behind the line was "entirely obscure", with guerrillas and infiltrating units harassing road traffic through the two passes southeast of Wonju.

The main Communist army in the centre "were hitting hard for a few days but now they have stopped and seem content to hold," the spokesman added.

United Nations troops east of Wonju yesterday recaptured the important secondary road junction of Yongwol.

Though hampered by sleet and mist, United Nations fighters and bombers were out with the dawn on bombing, strafing and rocketing sorties against Northern concentrations on the central and western sectors.

They claimed over 1,000 casualties around Wonju and 1,400 in attacks on the big Communist buildup around Suwon, in the west. In 391 sorties they attacked 47 towns and villages, running into flak around Pyongyang, the Northern capital and sighting on a one Yak fighter throughout the day.

Carrier-based planes attacked more than 30 different troop concentrations chiefly around the Wonju and Suwon areas. A naval aircraft was reported to have scored in one area.

Aborigines Go On Strike

Sydney, Jan. 15. A despatch today said that all Australian aborigines in the Darwin area of the remote Northwest Australian coast had struck for a basic wage of £27 per week.

Aborigines now receive £22 a week when employed by the Government. In addition to their board and lodging, clothing, tobacco transport and money for movie shows.

In private employment, natives receive £21 per week in addition to other benefits.

They now demand that they be given a full wage which they can spend as they like.—United Press.

Dulles & Malik Confer

Washington, Jan. 15. The State Department announced on Monday that Republican foreign policy adviser John Foster Dulles conferred with Russia's United Nations delegate, Jacob Malik, in New York on Saturday night on the Japanese peace settlement.

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, told a Press conference on Monday that Mr. Dulles explained to Mr. Malik that his (Dulles's) forthcoming trip to Japan was "exploratory only and preliminary to further consultations between the Allied powers."

The State Department statement said textually: "Last Saturday (Jan. 13) evening, Mr. John Foster Dulles met with Mr. Jacob Malik in New York with reference to the pending Japanese peace settlement."

"Mr. Dulles explained to Mr. Malik that his trip to Japan was exploratory only and preliminary to further consultations between the Allied powers principally concerned which Mr. Dulles would expect to carry on upon his return from Japan."

"It was understood that Mr. Dulles would then communicate further with Mr. Malik."

Mr. McDermott said the meeting was held at Mr. Dulles's instigation. He denied that a similar meeting was held by Mr. Dulles with representatives of other Allied governments.

The meeting with Mr. Malik was just to make sure "everybody gets things straight."

Mr. McDermott said Mr. Dulles hoped to leave for Japan this week if he can arrange air transportation.—United Press.

Mr. Dulles's meeting with Mr. Malik was called at the initiative of Mr. Dulles. The mission that Mr. Dulles is leading to Japan will investigate the Japanese feelings towards a peace settlement.

Talks will be held with Japanese leaders as well as with General MacArthur.

When the mission was announced a State Department spokesman said that the party would not be negotiating with the Japanese Government in the drafting of a treaty. It was desired to find out what the Japanese people had in mind.

"When they come back we will have a better idea of what to recommend to President Truman and the Secretary of State," the spokesman added.—Reuter.

No Explanation For McClure's "Relief"

Washington, Jan. 15. A United States Defence Department spokesman said today that General J. Lawton Collins, the Army Chief of Staff, went to Tokyo to find out how the Korean war was progressing.

Officials said they had no explanation to offer for the relief of Major-General Robert McClure as the Commander of the Second Division.

A spokesman said that it was most unlikely that General McClure had been relieved "with prejudice" in view of the Second Division's record of fighting in the Wonju area.

Lieutenant-General Walter Bedell Smith, the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Major-General Alexander Belling, the head of Army Intelligence, were said to have gone to Tokyo to discuss intelligence matters with General MacArthur's Headquarters.

There was no reference to General Hoyt Vandenberg, the Air Force Chief of Staff, who is also in Tokyo.

Meanwhile, there was continued speculation here today in press and unofficial quarters.

The exact conditions under which these senior officers were holding their discussions in Tokyo with General MacArthur's staff "have" aroused "extraordinary interest in Washington."

Today's official announcements have not entirely settled speculation that Chinese Nationalist troops might be "used" in Korea, or that a further withdrawal, or a possible total evacuation of Korea, was being considered.

Other speculation was that a shake-up of General MacArthur's Intelligence staff, often criticised for alleged incompetence and inaccuracy, was about to begin.—Reuter.

Rods Rounded Up In Istanbul

Istanbul, Jan. 15. The police announced on Monday that a round-up of Communists began over the week-end with the arrest of 35 civilians and two Army officers and a search of a number of houses.

More arrests were expected to follow further searches.

The civilians arrested included a journalist and an assistant university professor. The police found documents indicating that some of the arrested persons were agents of a Communist country, and that all were working together.—United Press.

HUGE U.S. MILITARY BUDGET

Washington, Jan. 15. More than 50 percent of the tax dollars the American public will pay during the 1952 financial year will be spent on military service. Individual taxes will provide over 30 percent of the budget dollars.

Taking \$1 as the gauging unit, this is where the budget dollar is to come from:

Individual taxes 35 cents; corporation taxes 27 cents; excise (sales) taxes 11 cents; customs and other levies four cents; proposed new taxes 23 cents. Total \$1.

Again, with the dollar as the calculating unit, this is how the Americans' tax dollars will be spent:

Military service 58 cents; foreign programmes 10 cents; interest on United States debts 8 cents; veterans' benefits 7 cents; all other expenses 17 cents. Total \$1.

A budget of US\$71,504 million was submitted to Congress by President Truman yesterday. This calls for an expenditure of US\$41,421 million to build up America's armed strength and US\$7,112 million to build up the armed strength of her Allies.—Reuter.

Portuguese Ship Sends Out S.O.S.

St. John's, Newfoundland, Jan. 15. The 334 tons Portuguese motor ship Nereus today sent out an S.O.S. saying that she had steering trouble in a storm in mid-Atlantic.

She was bound from Lisbon for St. John's and gave her position as about 1,200 miles east of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Transport department officials said that they were trying to send help.—Reuter.

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BIG FOUR TALKS MAY INCLUDE FAR EAST

London, Jan. 15. Informed sources said today that the three Western powers had mapped plans to include the Far East in the agenda of the proposed four-power meeting with Russia.

However, the United States, Britain and France would insist that the agenda of the Foreign Ministers' talks should not be limited to German demilitarisation but cover all issues behind the current tension in Europe.

The reply by the United States, Britain and France to Moscow was expected before the end of the week. The British draft of the proposed answer to the Soviet note of New Year's Eve was dispatched to Washington during the week-end, with suggestions for minor modifications of the American draft received earlier last week.

The Western diplomats expected early co-ordination of the three Western draft replies to Moscow and a meeting of the four Foreign Ministers' deputies next month, probably in Europe.

Extension of the French-American-Russian conference to the Far East was proving increasingly impracticable. For one thing, most Western officials realise that the Far Eastern situation cannot be profitably discussed without China, but inclusion of China would automatically raise the issue of who should represent her.

Furthermore, proposals for a separate big power conference on the Far East have been made by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers and may develop into something concrete. It has therefore been tacitly agreed to narrow the scope of the proposed four-power meeting to European issues and such general issues as control of atomic energy.—United Press.

American Tribute To De Gasperi

New York, Jan. 16. The Times said today that Italian Premier Alcide de Gasperi has been giving proof that he deserves to rank among the greatest premiers Italy has produced since 1870.

The editorial, commenting on Mr de Gasperi's Senate speech on Saturday said: "The Western cause was championed with impressive success by Mr Alcide de Gasperi, that remarkable statesman."

It was a formidable display of leadership that it would be wrong to take the Italian response to the North Atlantic defence as simply rhetoric.

"Italy has her dissenters, doubters and obstructionists... One cannot doubt, however, that prevailing opinion among those who concern themselves with national policies is in favour of the Western democracies and of playing an active role in defence of the West. Italy after all is the cradle of Western civilisation; it is inconceivable she should choose to throw open the gates to another barbarian invasion from the East."—United Press.

Surprise Challenge Over New Guinea

Djakarta, Jan. 15.

The Indonesian President, Dr I. R. Soekarno, in an unexpected speech tonight, declared that he was convinced that Dutch New Guinea would be returned to Indonesia before sunrise on January 1, 1952, "if the Indonesian people are really united."

The talks at The Hague on the future of Western New Guinea, part of an island 90 miles north of Australia, broke down last month.

The President, who was speaking at a dinner to local journalists, said: "The situation now is that the Netherlands occupied part of our country. This means that we have to advise our co-operation with the Dutch."

This made the situation for himself "very difficult" because he was one of the defenders of co-operation with the Netherlands, he added.

He said: "Every demand of ours must be coupled with pressure. This does not mean that we have to start an armed invasion of New Guinea. The Indonesian people do not want war."

"The Indonesian people must be organised to become powerful. This is the task of the Government and leaders in the near future. They have to lead the people to this end."

New French Effort To Foil Tonkin Attack Knocking Vietminh Army Off Balance

Hanoi, Jan. 15.

French Union forces, poised on the lip of this rich "rice-bowl" delta, are hitting out with a new "defensive-offensive" against the Communist-led Vietminh rebels.

Usually reliable military observers in this anxious capital, fast becoming a "ghost city" for all but the Vietnamese, say that the French aim is to keep knocking the increasing number of China-equipped Vietminh battalions off-balance so that they cannot mount a possible all-round attack on the delta.

Observers here believe that it will at least temporarily wrest the initiative from the rebels, who failed quickly to follow up their successes against the French in their recent costly evacuation of their outposts on the China border.

Everywhere, French officers are growing more confident that they can hold the Vietminh. But they just shrug their shoulders and throw up their hands if asked: "What will you do if China sends her armies to help the Vietminh?" Although it is well-known that the French Union forces are getting some reinforcements from France to replace seven lost battalions, and military equipment from the United States to increase their fire-power, no one really expects the French to stand their ground and be overrun if herds of Chinese Communist "volunteers" come.

Military observers here think that it would be only logical for them to shrink the big bridgehead east towards the coast of the Tonkin Gulf.

They believe that, in this event, France could do no more to fulfil her international obligations in Tonkin than continue to employ the toughest delaying tactics while ensuring that her valuable European forces live to fight another day.

KOREA LESSON

They regard the present swift blows dealt at known Vietminh concentrations, particularly on the northern sector of the present 600-kilometre (360-mile) bridgehead periphery as the spearhead of this French strategy in Tonkin.

This strategy, observers argue, fits in with the lessons learnt in Korea and conforms with the general principles of Western policy in the Far East of not committing valuable forces too deeply with the armies of Russia's satellites.

French official advice to evacuate French and foreign women and children from the Tonkin delta, "because of the international situation" is seen here as evidence that France here sees Indo-China as part of a wider Allied global strategy. Frenchmen, familiar with what is going on, mainly agree with the way the Tonkin policy appears to be shaping. But it appears to be perturbing to the big Vietnamese population, who have remained loyal to the French, and who have little chance to evacuate because of the cost and transport limitations. Many of these are now tending to sit-on-the-fence and are attempting to avoid direct involvement.

Observers think that though the bulk of the Vietnamese are by no means Communist, they would reluctantly accept a Vietminh invasion. But they really fear the arrival of the Chinese Communists.

Nevertheless, Vietnamese morale remains good, though few even in official places know the details of the actual military situation. A check of the Vietnamese-in-the-street here in Hanoi showed that no man questioned how close the Vietminh were to the city. The French outpost for the city in the south-west is at Xuan Mai, 35 kilometres (about 22 miles) from Hanoi. Due north they hold Phulo, about 45 kilometres (28 miles) from Hanoi. But the main Vietminh concentrations are farther back at Thanhuy and beyond, Phu Thang and beyond, about 65 kilometres (41 miles) from the capital.

In French circles, mention is sometimes made unofficially of the possibility of having to fall back to the 16th Parallel in Central Vietnam.

PRIMARY TASK

Some Frenchmen think that it is not too late for the United Nations to pull out of Korea and reinforce the defence of South-East Asia and of its valuable resources of rice, rubber, oil and tin.

These see France's task in Indo-China today as primarily to prevent the country's resources from falling under the control of Russia's satellites. But some accuse the French Government of being afraid of a United Nations political solution in Indo-China if the United Nations military forces were sought.

Some, too, question the decisions of such vitally affected countries as Australia, Britain, Malaya, Siam and the Philippines to send troops to Korea while leaving their own front door in Indo-China poorly guarded.—Reuters.

Meeting Of Envoys With Mr. Nehru

Paris, Jan. 15. The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, will hold a conference with Indian Ambassadors and diplomatic heads in Europe at the residence of Sardar Hardit Singh Malik, the Indian Ambassador to France, here on Wednesday, the Indian Embassy stated today.

Indian diplomats stated to be in Paris for the meeting include Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, the Indian Ambassador to the United States, Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, the Ambassador to Russia, Dr Mohan Singh Mehta, the Ambassador to the Netherlands, Mr N. Raghuvaran, Ambassador to Belgium, Mr B. R. Sen, Ambassador to Italy, Mr D. S. Desai, Minister to Switzerland, Mr D. P. A. Menon, Minister of Portugal, Mr Nehru, Minister to Sweden, and Mr Prem Kishen, head of the Indian Mission in Berlin. Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, the Secretary-General of the Indian External Affairs Department, who has been in London for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference, will accompany the Prime Minister to Paris on Wednesday.—Reuters.

Arab Meeting

Baghdad, Jan. 15. The Iraqi delegation to the meeting of the Political Committee of the Arab League on January 20 will leave here for Cairo by air tomorrow. The plane will pick up the Iraqi Prime Minister, General Nuri as-Said, Pasha, at Amman, Jordan, where he has been having talks with King Abdullah and the Jordan Premier.—Reuters.

Strategy In



Groups of refugees from Communist-invaded Tibet are dancing and begging their way through India. Here are seen members of one such group of Tibetans dancing in a street in New Delhi. They had trekked from western Tibet, dancing their way for daily bread.—AP Picture.

ILSE KOCH TO SERVE LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Augsburg, Jan. 15.

Ilse Koch, the "Red Witch of Buchenwald," was sentenced to life imprisonment here today for crimes in the horror camp of which her husband was Commandant. She was also sentenced to loss of civic rights.

This is the maximum sentence in West Germany, where the death sentence has been abolished. But Koch was not in Court to hear it passed. Following a fit on Saturday, a Court doctor said today that she was deliberately simulating mental aberration. She was unfit to appear, he said.

In the early stages of the trial Koch was charged with 36 murders, complicity in 140 more and one attempted murder, all the cases being concerned with deaths in the Buchenwald camp.

The charges were considerably reduced as the trial proceeded, and today Koch was found guilty on one charge of incitement to murder, one of incitement to attempted murder, five of incitement to severe physical mistreatment and two of incitement to physical mistreatment.

Today the Public Prosecutor announced that he had withdrawn five charges at the last moment. Details of these charges were not given.

The presiding judge, giving the Court's findings, stated that Koch had been acquitted on the other charges, but the number and details of these charges were not stated in Court.

Immediately after the verdict had been announced, Dr Albrecht, the Defence Counsel, said that he would appeal to the West German Supreme Court on Koch's behalf.

Koch is to be informed of the sentence in writing, probably tomorrow. The sentence is to be served in Alzbach Prison.

IN BED

Today she was in a hospital bed in Alzbach Prison, near Augsburg. She was taken to hospital on Saturday after throwing a fit which doctors said was "another case of play acting."

Ilse Koch, who 10 years ago was proud and beautiful, flaunting her face and figure before thousands of concentration camp prisoners, is today a sour and slovenly woman of 44.

Looking at the drooping, bony figure sitting in Court, it was hard to imagine the vigorous business-like ex-tylist from Dresden who, according to prisoners' testimony, personified both beauty and the beast.

Koch never had any intellectual interests. In prison she sits around and occasionally fingers a magazine. She has almost entirely ceased correspondence with her children and other relatives. Her two children, one aged 12 and the other 11, live near Stuttgart with her sister-in-law, Frau Erna Raible, and go to the State primary school there.

They are said to be pretty and pleasant children. Ilse Koch has not been on speaking terms with Frau Raible since 1945.

NOTORIOUS WOMAN

Shortly after her trial before an American Court at Dachau in 1947, Koch had an illegitimate child by another prisoner in Landsberg Prison, Bavaria. This child lives in a Munich orphanage.

Ilse's old mother in Berlin, Frau Anna Kocher, gave up her daughter in despair many years ago. Even in her Buchenwald heyday, Ilse neglected her mother completely.

She became notorious in post-war years as "the woman with the lampshade made of human skin," "the Red Witch of Buchenwald" and "one of the worst women the world has ever known."

Citizens of Augsburg who packed the Court every day throughout the trial had their fill of sensation. Witnesses after witnesses—many showing the

The Dancing Refugees

Labour Group Attacks MacA

London, Jan. 15. The Labour Party of the Gloucester villages of Stroud and Thornbury today passed a resolution calling for the dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur.

The resolution also called on British Labour Government to use all its influence to stop the proposed meeting of the Big Four powers as the first step to force General MacArthur's dismissal.—United Press.

MR LIE IN HOPEFUL MOOD

Geneva, Jan. 15. Mr Trygve Lie, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, said here today that he was convinced a general war would be avoided.

He said he strongly supported the resolution passed by the Political Committee of the United Nations on Saturday proposing a cease-fire in Korea to be followed by six-power talks on Far Eastern problems.

"I earnestly hope that the Government of the People's Republic of China will find it possible to co-operate within the framework of that resolution," he said.

"I am convinced that a general war will be avoided and that the good sense of the leaders of the world will prevail."

Mr Lie, who was leaving for Paris by train tonight, has been in Geneva studying the possibilities of holding the sixth session of the General Assembly at the United Nations European headquarters here.

He said that a decision would be taken in New York after he had visited Paris and London to view the facilities there.—Reuters.

VIOLENT GALE IN ATLANTIC

New York, Jan. 15. Four trans-Atlantic liners radioed that they would arrive in New York 24 hours late because of a huge storm circling in the North Atlantic. The vessels are the Cunard liner Mauretania with 213 passengers, the Norwegian American liner Oslo Fjord with 504 passengers, and the Navy transport S. D. Sturgis with 1,300 passengers from Germany, all due to arrive today.

Greece Pledges To Fight

Boston, Jan. 15. The Greek ambassador, M. Athanasios Politis, on Monday pledged that Greece will fight on against Communist aggression at any cost.

M. Politis made this statement in a speech accepting for the Greek Government two destroyer escorts turned over to Greece under the mutual defence assistance programme. He pledged the ships will "be put to good and effective use in the common effort of the United Nations and all peace-loving people to build up the forces of the democratic world."

The destroyer escorts will be manned by Greek crews here.—United Press.

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Argyll "Terrier" Crack Shot Was Sing Sing Padre

Scots-born Pastor James Ingles, once a crack shot in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, is back in his native Dunoon from America after spending 30 years tending to the spiritual needs of some of the toughest murderers, gangsters and racketeers in the United States.

After 30 years as chaplain in the notorious Sing Sing Prison, Pastor Ingles is at his Scottish home preparing for the publication of his book on his experiences in the famous prison, and at week-ends he is preaching from various pulpits throughout Scotland.

Later he intends to join—at 75—his daughter in Africa, where she is a missionary and trying to build a high school. He will be more than useful to her, for he ran his father's Dunoon joinery business before he was ordained.

At Dunoon in his youth, James Ingles joined the local Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Territorial battalion and became their crack rifle shot. Once when he won eight firsts in competition, the O.C. hinted that it would be the "decent thing" if Ingles accepted only six of the prizes, which he did. Later he began preaching in local churches at week-ends, and finally was ordained a Pastor.

HARD LIFE
Landing in New York with his wife and children some years before the 1914 war, the young Pastor found life pretty hard-going, and at first had to make ends meet by working as a carpenter. He eventually established a business in the town where the Sing Sing Prison is situated, but later gave it up to establish two church congregations on different parts of Long Island.

Came the first World War, and Pastor Ingles was appointed Baptist Chaplain to the penitentiary. Here he saw at close range many of the toughest and worst criminals in America, but with most of them this humane Pastor with the broad Scots accent was popular and esteemed during the 30 years that he ministered to their spiritual needs.

Pastor Ingles' wife died in 1937. Now, with his family grown up, he plans a short "retirement" before travelling once again.

DR STOPES GIVES A BIT OF ADVICE

Dr. Marie Stopes, the birth control writer, gave her audience at the Imperial College of Science the other day some forceful advice about home heating.

"Wicked nonsense" she calls the modern prejudice against open coal fires, and adds with vigour: "They are essential to the family health—but don't use an open fire for cooking."

Dr. Stopes spoke as a geologist, on the fossilising of coal. Before she went to the lecture from her home at Dorking, she called at her clinic in Westminster. She is president of the Society for Constructive Birth Control and Racial Progress.

But the work she now regards as most important is her poetry. She has published four volumes of poems. "People say they dislike obscure modern poetry, but mine is all clear and readable," she says.

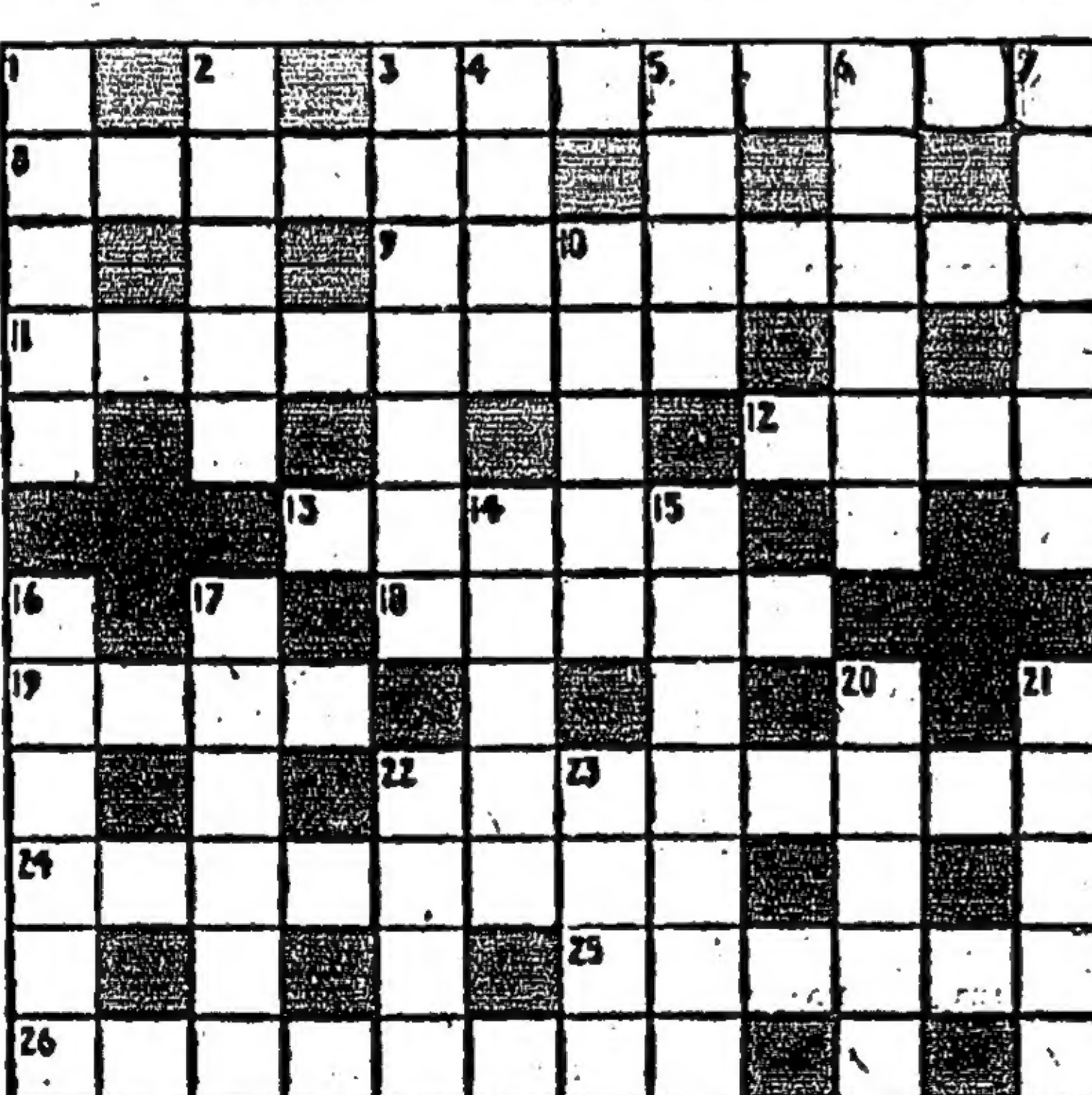
COAL RESEARCH

At Dorking Dr. Stopes has a laboratory where she conducts research on coal. At least once a week she visits her London clinic. Says she: "I am an equilateral triangle. I don't divide my time. I just work as I am inspired to do so in my three spheres."

Dr. Stopes' husband, Mr. Humphrey Verdon Roe, died last year, aged 71. Their son is a physics student at Cambridge.

How old is Dr. Stopes? She does not tell. Someone put her age nearly 70. But if you ask her she smiles and says, "I am 26."

A British Crossword Puzzle



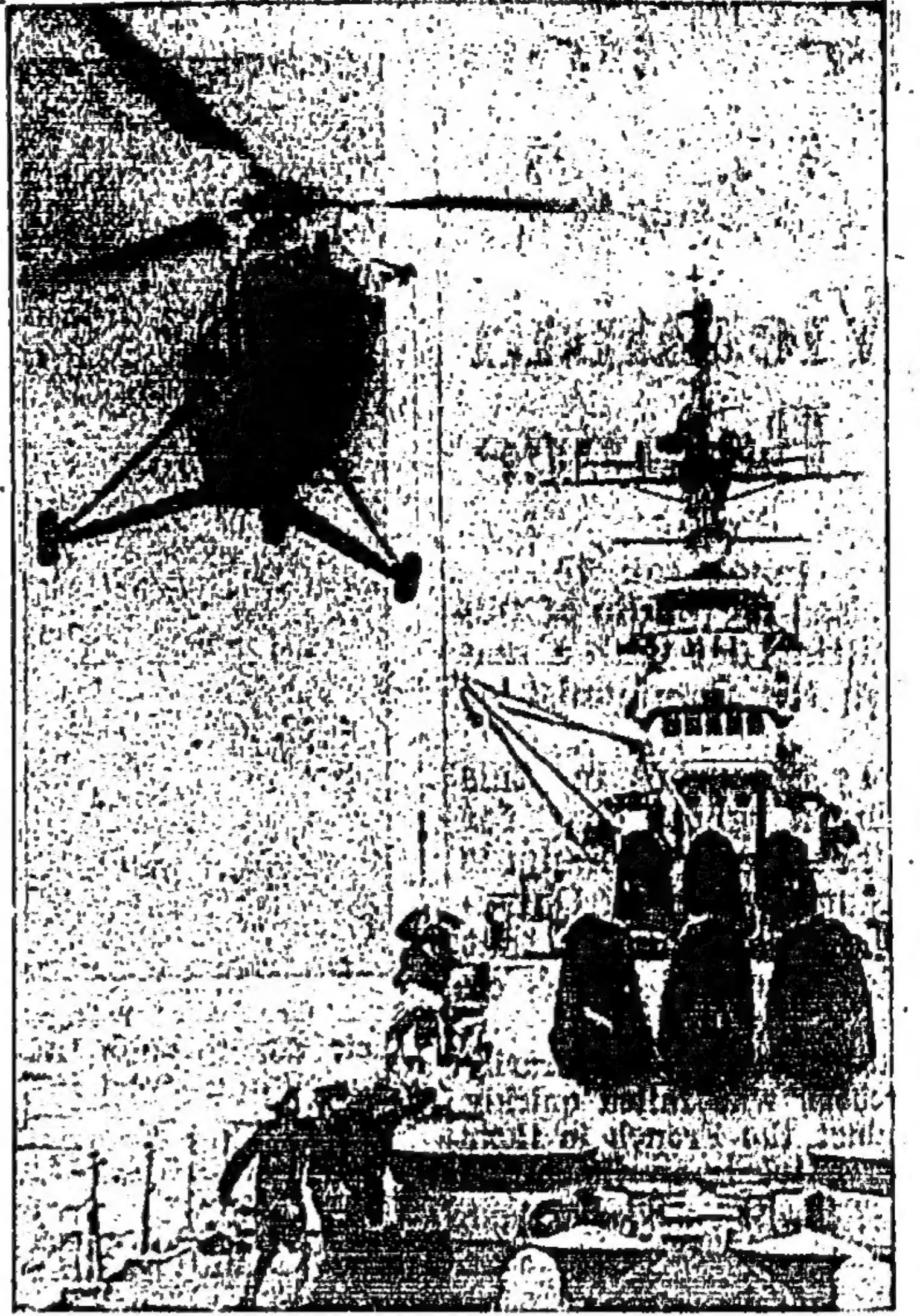
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 - 9 Harmful
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 - 24 Sham
 - 25 Supplementary building
 - 26 Combative
- DOWN**
- 1 Vestment
 - 2 Muscular contraction
 - 3 Rope
 - 4 Foreign coin
 - 5 Culmination
 - 6 Servant
 - 7 Calmed
 - 10 Perfect
 - 14 Originate
 - 15 Clothing
 - 16 Gun
 - 17 Disclosure
 - 20 Meditated
 - 21 Harden
 - 23 Scullion

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD — Across: 3 Parasite, 7 Lower, 8 Oak-apple, 10 Asylum, 13 Residue, 15 Sloc, 17 Lantern, 18 Succedee, 20 Iron, 21 Tirades, 22 Nature, 27 Theology, 28 Overt, 29 Rejoinder. Down: 1 Clear, 2 Sways, 3 Proud, 4 Away, 5 Impale, 6 Eleven, 9 Amulet, 11 Sever, 12 Liken, 14 Easing, 15 Skat, 16 Order, 18 Sitter, 19 Covert, 22 Rayon, 23 Duped, 24 Sects, 25 Glut.

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Flying To Duty



Commander Frank N. Virgilio, senior medical officer aboard the USS Manchester, receives a helping hand while being hoisted into a helicopter going on a mission of mercy off Korea. A seaman on a nearby aircraft carrier was injured by a propeller and only Commander Virgilio's prompt arrival saved his life. (Acme).

More Gadgets For Young Britain

Young Britain has never had more fascinating gadgets to play with than at this year's Schoolboy's Own Exhibition, held as usual in London in the first fortnight of the New Year.

Many of them were displayed by the three Fighting Services and Government departments, and the lads could—and did, in their thousands—drive a cutter into an imitation coal face, sit in the cockpit of a 600 mph jet fighter, dress up in naval minelaying equipment, search with detectors for land-mines buried in sand, command model tanks by distant control in a mock battle, put bends in the beam of a searchlight, or make holes in the fuselage of a Royal Air Force Spitfire so that airmen could demonstrate how quickly repairs are made.

The Ministry of Supply showed some of their apprentices actually at work on industrial research and development, and a test rocket similar to the one recently tested at their headquarters, REME, a model of a beach landing, and the Ministry of Food invited all comers to "please help yourself"—"if you can"—to a varied display of sweets which disappeared as soon as a hand was stretched towards it.

But an exhibition official was not so appreciative. "The tank practically stopped the exhibition for more than an hour," he said. "We intend to protest officially to the FA."

BBC BANS JOKES ON THE STONE

Who prompted the BBC ban on jokes about the theft of the Coronation Stone from Westminster Abbey?

A London writer was told that what happened was this:

Mr. Michael Standing, head of variety in sound radio, and the television chiefs guessed the theft of the Scone Stone would be used as comedy material. They also realised that a police charge might result from the theft, and that some people might be offended if the matter were treated with levity.

So they asked Sir William Haley, Director General of the BBC, for guidance; this is the usual practice when producers and programme heads have doubts.

RIGHT TO OBJECT
Sir William replied that on religious grounds some listeners would have the right to object to such jokes. In any case he did not consider it a particularly amusing subject for comic references.

This confirmed Standing and the others in their own views. So there will be no jokes about the Stone.

By Mik



BOY'S OWN MAGAZINE

The Shadows Pay a Visit

—They Decided Jack Scarecrow Must Be Lonely—
By MAX TRELL

"YOU know, Knarf," Hanid, the shadow-girl, with the turned-about name, was saying to her brother, "I just thought of someone whom we haven't visited for a long time. I don't suppose anyone has remembered him at all. And, oh, how lonely he must be, poor fellow!"

Knarf said: "Who?"

"Jack Scarecrow," said Hanid. "All summer long he stood out in the middle of the cornfield. He saw everyone. He had hundreds of friends. Even the crows, whom he was supposed to scare away, didn't really dislike him. They used to sit on the fence rail and make strange noises at him. He never said a word to them, of course. But I'm sure he didn't mind their sitting on the fence rail and keeping him company."

"And doesn't Jack see anyone now?"

Hanid shook her head. "I'm quite sure he doesn't. As soon as the weather began getting cold—and there was no more corn in the cornfield for Jack to watch over—Father took him and put him in the barn. Who is there for him to see in the barn?"

In the Barn
Having decided that Jack Scarecrow was very lonely sitting all by himself in the big barn, Knarf and Hanid put on their hats and coats (for a cold wind was blowing), and walked across the empty garden to pay him a visit.

Imagine their surprise, on getting near the barn, to hear the sounds of music and loud laughter. "This is a wonderful party, Jack! Oh, what fun it is!" a dozen voices were shouting.

Knarf and Hanid looked at each other, then hurriedly opened the door of the barn and let themselves in.

What a sight they saw! Jack was sitting on a bale of hay blowing with all his might on a long hollow stem which he had made into a sort of flute. And on the barn floor a great crowd of crickets and grasshoppers and beetles and bugs of all sizes and colours were all dancing a square-dance!

A Daddy-Long-Legs in a black coat was calling out the turns. "Change partners! Round and round there! Take hands and march two by two!"

Suddenly Jack spied Knarf and Hanid. He stopped playing his flute. He looked at them, rose to his feet and shuffled over to them, smiling.

"Welcome, welcome, Knarf and Hanid!"

"So Jack went back to his bale of hay, put the flute to his mouth again and started blowing another lively tune. Instantly Daddy-Long-Legs began calling the turns again. In a moment the whole barn-floor was awhirl with merry dancers. Hanid danced with Knarf at first. But soon she was dancing with crickets and grasshoppers, and Knarf was swinging around with beetles and bugs!

"Yes," Jack said when the dance was finally over, "there was no use all of us sleeping all winter in this draughty old barn. It's much more fun dancing. And why should any of us be lonely, when all of us have each other? Ready?" he shouted to all his friends. "Here we go with another dance!"

And he started playing again!

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—25



Rupert is surprised at what Mary-Quite-Contrary has said. "But what's the matter with your garden?" he asks. "I think it's wonderful. People told me that I couldn't find primroses in autumn, but you've got some lovely beds of them." "That's what I mean!" cries Mary. "Something's gone wrong with my poor garden. Spring flowers and summer flowers and autumn flowers are all out at once. The spring flowers mustn't keep coming out all through the year or they'll be sure to die, and I don't want to lose them." She stops suddenly as another figure appears and a stately old gentleman approaches slowly.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"He does, too; understand French! He just doesn't understand your punk high school French!"

A SYMPHONY



Emilio Schuberth, Rome Fashion Designer, here presents two of his winter creations. Model Lalla (left) wears an evening gown with a bodice of black velvet with silver embroideries and flowers of cream silver sewed on. The gown is of heavy white faille.

Model Mafalda (right) wears an evening dress with the bodice of heavy satin with hand embroideries in silver. The gown is of black heavy faille. Schuberth calls the creations "Symphony in White and Black."



Warm Pastel Jersey Bed Jacket



Cut on fold for centre fronts. If desired, curve front neck as dotted line shows. Cut on folds at bottom of sleeves.

A finished band 1½" wide for front and neck is comfortable and generally becoming. A band too wide may crowd at neck; too narrow may look skimpy.

For Necessary Length

Piece front band to make it necessary length, doing this so seam comes at centre back or at shoulder seam. Stitch shoulder seams open.

Apply right side of band to right side of jacket. Stitch, using a ¼" seam.

Apply right side of sleeve band to right side of sleeve and stitch, using a ¼" seam. Stitch underarms, stitching straight through sleeve bands. Press seams open.

Turn raw edge of band back over seam at bottom of sleeve and hem, putting in a ½" bottom hem. Turn front band to wrong side and hem edge down.

Marking Directions

To Chalk Out: A is at centre or half-way point on fold. B is 1" to right, C is directly opposite A and D 1" to left.

Chalk a line B to D. E is 1/8 neck plus ½" above B and F ¼ neck to left of B. G is 1/8 neck plus ½" below D. H is ¼ armhole plus 2" to left of A.

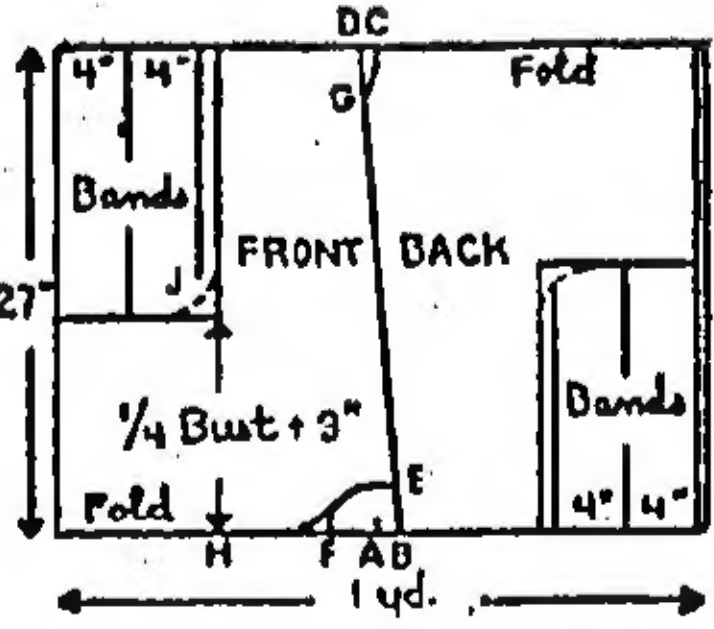
Draw a straight line up from H to fold on opposite side. I is ¼ bust plus 3" above H on this line. Mark curve at underarm as at J.

Cut on shoulder line from B to D. Cut sleeve and underarm, cutting on dotted line; cut from neck, curve F to E.

Lines and Folds Matching

Lay front over back, shoulder lines and folds matching. Cut back underarm same as front. Cut back neck G to C.

Material cut out at underarms provides the 4" wide strips for centre front, around the neck, and bottom of sleeves.



PARIS SHOWS THE TUNIC SILHOUETTE FOR EVENING GAIETIES

Evening gowns for festive gaieties score in a midseason group of about 20 models at Paris, which keep their usual pretty, wearable character although including several gowns of striking individuality. The prettiest is done in white faille with the skirt in minaret, spiralling. Tiers verging into a point at the side of the hem and side of the waistline where huge red dahlias are posed. Another wide-skirted floor length gown called "December 24th" is of midnight blue satin with

huge self fabric bows embroidered in rhinestones spaced over the skirt. Medieval in feeling is a floor length long-sleeved model of spangled lace with moulded top joined at hipline to a gathered skirt. Other evening gowns are alikely short.

Cocktail dresses are sleeveless but close to throat sometimes with a tiny collar above a transparent yoke, often combining fabrics as velvet with silk organza or byzantine with net.

These dresses are mostly simple in line, relying on fine delicate workmanship for appeal as in a black silk organza dress covered by wavy strings of black velvet in graduated widths. There are also a couple of lace bodices so delicately seamed that the seams appear to be part of lace pattern.

The belted tunic-silhouette gets play here both as a topper over a dress or in the dress itself, but the foundation is always narrow. Other slim dresses have a loose panel or a

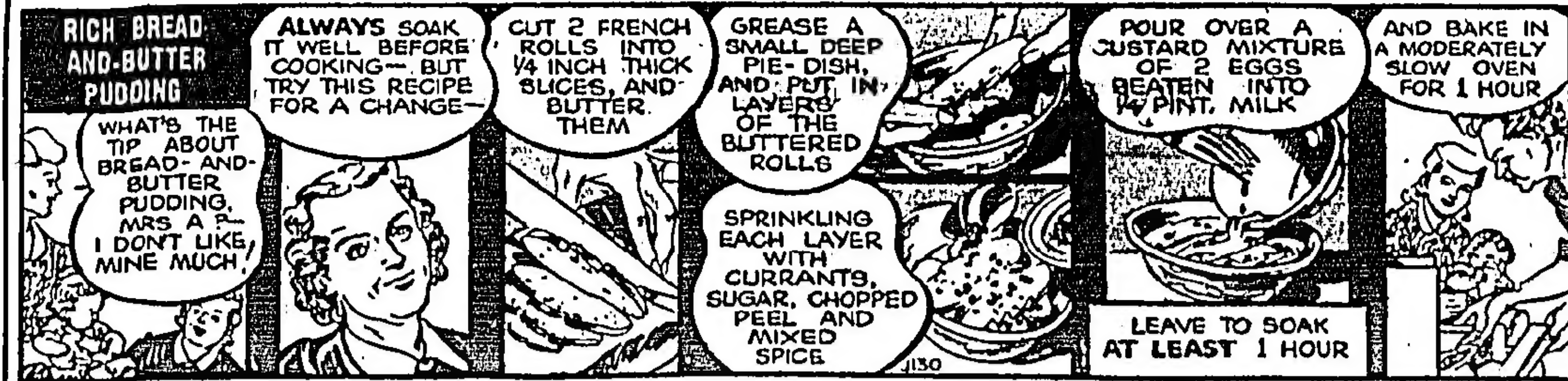
draped at the side to soften the line. One straight coat has back fullness given by flaring tiers all the way up.

Black scores here as at most midseason showings, often brightened by rhinestone embroideries for after five o'clock fashions, and sometimes contrasted with white fox or ermine. Pumpkin shade is used for a town coat. There are a couple of grey dresses. A slim, floor-length gown, long-sleeved and belted, is in mauve woolen.

S. African Student



Miss Veronica Plant, 20-year-old daughter of an East Transvaal citrus farmer, was seen at a Dorchester Hall reception recently. She is one of the South African students in England studying art.



Make Most Of Your Good Looks

By Helen Follett

Complexion care is especially important during the teens if you want to avoid acne. Film actress Joan Evans, stresses the importance of diet, too.

WHILE Women are beauty-conscious at all ages, even when the hair is grey and the face touched with "character lines," there is never a period when looks are considered as important as during the teens, especially the early teens.

Her complexion is her chief concern. She must keep it scrupulously clean and to do that she should use soap and warm water freely twice a day and force it into the pores with a complexion brush. She should use one with bristles not too harsh but of the kind that will not bend when wet. The brush will invigorate the glands, will help the skin to function normally, will help to keep blackheads from forming.

stress the need of eating foods that will not excite the sebaceous glands, inspire them to send out too much of their oily fluids that harden in the pores and block them.

The daily bath is a part of the treatment. The shower won't do. One should rest in the tub for several minutes, scrub the entire body surface with a brush to help the skin function as an organ of elimination and send away wastes.

Do you feel that you may be slacking up on good looks tasks? Do you use the powder pad less and less, sometimes forget the lip tinting? That won't be, not if you are to keep on good terms with the ever-present companion who stares at you from the looking glass.

Your good points are likely to take care of themselves, you may fancy. Nothing to it. Faces and figures are ever in the making or the unmaking. Suppose you take a little time off from your rushing activities and give yourself a survey. Ask yourself questions. Answer truthfully.

How about your hair? Are your silky tresses carefully shampooed every week or two? Do they carry a satin sheen,

showing that the ducking has been thorough, all the soap rinsed away? Do you give your scalp an occasional massaging to keep the circulation galloping? That little thing you should do faithfully.

Is the collar up-to-date, of flattering becomingness?

Do you cream your complexion, thus insuring it against the ravages of weather changes, atmospheric dust and general debility?

What about your figure? If you are inclined to take on weight, be it ever so little, it won't do to indulge in those good things of the table that you enjoy. Adipose cushions sneak up on one. If you gain five pounds in two months, you'll probably gain ten the next two months. It is easier to fight fat cells when they first appear. When they get a toehold, it is tough going to send them into a state of dissolution.

All you have to do is to cut down on fats, sweets and starches. There are plenty of delicious foods that do not contain these elements. Close your eyes when you go past the pastry shop. Don't be enticed into the sweet shop for a soda. Put less butter on your bread; take tea and coffee clear.

Hair brushing should be part of every fastidious girl's beauty programme. Set aside a few minutes a day for this important duty and your locks will shine.

Green Bean Specialties

HERE are some suggestions for using tinned green beans. And don't forget when fresh green beans are a good buy, well, we hope you'll use these recipes, too.

● Green beans cooked sweet-sour is the first recipe.

For 8 servings, fry 4 slices bacon until crisp. Remove from skillet, leaving drippings. To fat in pan, add ½ c. water or vegetable cooking water, tsp. sugar, ½ tsp. salt, 5 tsp. vinegar and one thinly sliced onion. Mix well. Add 6 c. cooked or tinned green beans; cook 15 min. Crumble bacon on top just before serving.

● Green bean rarebit with baked potatoes adds up to a good, hearty supper dish, to our way of thinking. To serve 6, make 3 c. Savoury White Sauce. Prepare this version of white sauce, melt ½ c. butter, bacon fat or chicken fat in saucepan. Add ½ c. flour; stir to smooth paste. Add one c. vegetable cooking water, meat stock or milk, stirring constantly. Continue cooking and stirring until mixture is thickened. Add 1½ tsp. salt and ½ tsp. pepper. Makes one quart sauce. Incidentally this is basic sauce for main dish, shortcake fillings that is good to know by heart. But back to our green bean rarebit.

● When the sauce is thickened, add ½ tsp. paprika, 2 tsp. scraped onion, ½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce and ½ c. grated American cheese. Cook and stir until cheese is melted. Add 8 c. hot cooked or tinned green beans and mix well. Serve this mixture over 8 hot, baked potatoes which have been popped open and seasoned with salt and pepper.

● For Green Bean and Onion Shortcakes, prepare savoury white sauce as directed, using bean stock as part of the liquid. When thickened, add 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, 4 c. cooked or tinned green beans and 20 c. cooked small white onions. Reheat. Serve on curry biscuits or wedges of Southern corn bread. Makes 8 servings.

Formulae For Basic Starch Mixture

By ELEANOR ROSS

WE just don't know why there is all the argument about starch, say what you will, starch is essential for fresh-looking cottons and linens. Starch not only replaces the original finish in these washable fabrics, but also makes clothes and other starchables easier to launder, and keeps them looking cleaner, too. Dirt will not penetrate the smooth starched surface, but washes out when the clothes are laundered easily. So it becomes merely a matter of what type of starch and the desired concentration, which, regardless of type or brand, is dependent upon fabric and personal preference.

Basic Mixture

For a good basic starch mixture, mix ½ cup lump, powdered or crystalline starch or 14 cubes with ½ c. cold water. Gradually add 2 quarts (8 cups) briskly boiling water; stir until smooth. Cover to prevent film forming on surface. Strain. Dilute with hot water for desired finish. It is not necessary to boil starch, put it a boiled starch is preferred, then follow above recipe and boil for about 4 minutes. Starch mixture is best prepared just before using. And soft water makes for better starching just as it makes for better washing.

Sort clothes that are to be starched as they come from the second rinse water, according to finish desired. Turn coloured clothes inside out; shake all garments before starching. Always use hot starch, really hot starch for better penetration of fabric fibres, except, of course, a special cold water starch variety.

Essential Point

Always there should be enough starch solution so that all articles can be thoroughly immersed. Squeeze starch mixture thoroughly through fabric to penetrate fabric fibres. The professional laundress who gave us these hints says that if starch is on the fabric surface only it may result in "lump" garments, uneven starching or the iron sticking, things that dismay the beginner housewife so much.

Professional Look

For a professional look, take time out to smooth out collars, cuffs, sleeves, gathers and pleats of starched garments. This prevents excess starch solution settling and streaking in folds (another frequently heard complaint). Always hang garments carefully to dry, taking care that they do not overlap. Hang starched clothes outdoors to dry in very windy, very humid weather, or freezing weather, or them to "go limp." As a safety measure, better hang clothes indoors on such days. When garments are thoroughly dry, turn them inside out, unless they are to be ironed on the wrong side, and sprinkle.

In answer to several queries, starching in an automatic washer (one that washes, rinses and damp dries automatically) is not usually recommended. So abide by manufacturer's recommendations. However, starching can be undertaken in a non-automatic washer. Add proper strength starch solution to final rinse water and run machine for three or four minutes. Then wring out.

Built For Queen Charlotte

Inside London's world-famous Kew Gardens is a picturesque old cottage thatched with reeds and surrounded by woodland. As the cottage has not been thatched since some years before World War II, it needs a new roof, and a Norfolk firm, which specialises in the ancient craft of reed thatching, has been commissioned to re-thatch the dwelling.

Built by King George III for Queen Charlotte, it is known today as the Queen's Cottage, and as it contains no modern conveniences it is unoccupied. In her will Queen Victoria bequeathed the cottage to Kew Gardens so that its own small garden and the woodland round it might be used as a bird sanctuary. The nests of about 100 varieties of birds have been identified there.

Winter Violet

By PRUNELLA WOOD



THE vogue for carrying the cheery promise of spring from winter to spring again, in sustained colouring, is one of the happiest to overtake us in fashions. Hats loaded with blossoms debut with the first snows, frocks fit for Easter in our old book, blossom in January.

We like very much this violet hued, soft Rodier wool frock for winter wear, made in a princess silhouette which buttons behind from neck to hem, and which carries on one front pocket a nosegay of real-looking violet blossoms. Charming at home, or beneath a fur coat, this is a challenge to dour weather.

Vegetable Specials

By ALICE DENHOFF

NOT just vegetables, but vegetables prepared with a gourmet touch, will make all the difference to a meal, something that is well worth the extra effort entailed, and the little extra cost.

● If green beans pall, then serve them up this way: steam them and add sliced mushrooms which have been sautéed with chopped onion and seasoned with salt and pepper.

● Try cauliflower served this way: separate cauliflower into flowerets and combine with equal amount of diced young carrots. Cook in milk and water until tender. Then add white sauce and bake at 350 F. for 20 min., sprinkling top with grated cheese and crumbs, or corn flakes.

● For an egg plant special, dice raw egg plant, and tomatoes, making large cubes. Cook in covered saucepan for 30 min., seasoning with salt, pepper, onion and chopped parsley. Serve with grated Parmesan-type cheese.

● For something different by way of a vegetable, pare cucumbers and cut them in quarters, lengthwise. Remove seeds and soft centres, and cook in boiling water until tender, then drain. Sauté the drained cucumbers in butter, and serve with a white sauce to which beaten egg, lemon juice and finely-chopped parsley have been added.

● For something toothsome, bake squash and fill the cavity with maple syrup.

● To reheat broccoli with an epicurean touch, beat an eggwhite and add to mayonnaise. Spread mixture over broccoli and broil. If the refrigerator yields vegetables, place in a casserole, and warm, topped with a cheese sauce. To add pop to green beans, add a small clove of garlic when cooking. Adding tsp. cream to ½ c. butter when necessary - vegetables makes all the difference.

Parisian Women Prefer Natural Silk Bras

Favoured bra fabric in Paris is natural silk. "Chemically made" materials like rayon and nylon have failed to catch on with the majority of French women who can afford quality garments. Whereas almost all of the older women prefer silk, some of the younger girls are taking to nylon.

Parisian women are conservative in their colour preference, although they do like elaborate workmanship. Rose and white are heavily favoured, with some black in demand.

The same styles are shown in both Paris and New York, says a wired-bra specialist. Patterns differ greatly, however. Parisian women tend to become heavier as they grow older. Whereas about 20 percent of the customers in America require long line bras, for example, 40 percent in Paris require this more-controlling bra.

A favourite style in Paris and New York is a bra with completely separated cups, joined only by a narrow band, and equipped with very narrow shoulder and back straps. This is a style for the smaller woman with good natural separation.



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THIS IS WHAT THE BUTLER BOUGHT

By **RONALD GARTH-DAVIS**

JUST over a hundred years ago, a young Mayfair butler strolled to the Bank of England once a month and banked his tips. Closeted backstairs with his prudent housekeeper wife he often talked over his plans for buying a hotel. The butler's name was Claridge.

He dreamed of a quiet but elegant establishment where the highest in the land could be housed in fitting style. Today, little remains of the young butler's odyssey except his goodwill and a couple of his diaries found in an old tin box in a cellar during demolitions. Yet—in the eyes of celebrities all over the world—his prestige goes marching on.

Claridge's is still the only hotel on the globe where kings and queens, maharajahs and movie stars almost tumble over one another in the foyer. It is the only hotel ever ranking as an official residence of the King and Queen of Denmark and King Haakon of Norway.

Only Setting

When Winston Churchill left No. 10, Downing Street, he stayed overnight at Claridge's and entertained his entire ex-Cabinet to dinner. When Queen Juliana wished to stage a return banquet for our own King and Queen, Claridge's was the only possible setting.

As it happened, Queen Juliana shipped over her own gold and silver plate from Holland, her own Sevres china and 3,000 frozen roses, but Claridge's could have obliged. After

the first Royal Command film show in London, 800 guests flocked to a party of film stars at Claridge's. To celebrate the first year of the Dominion of Pakistan, manager Van Thuyne thought nothing of staging a birthday party for 1,000.

Claridge himself once regretted there was no room for a fugitive Pope. "I am so full up with kings and royal dukes that I doubt if I can find proper accommodation for him. Still," he brightened up, "as his Holiness is a bachelor, he might not need so many rooms!"

Fifty Rooms

At the time of Princess Elizabeth's wedding, the hotel actually housed five queens, two kings and at least one pretender, the Infante Don Juan of Spain. Ever since Queen Victoria boarded her guests there, four generations of royalty have used it as an annex to Buckingham Palace. In fact, the royalties' personal visiting books are kept on a special table just inside the entrance—a gilt-edged volume for King Peter of Yugoslavia, one in royal blue leather for Queen Ena of Spain, separate books bound in blue and in claret for the King and Queen of Rumania.

Through the swing doors flow a constant stream of diplomats anxious to sign their names as a mark of respect. Some of the royalties are exiled today, but it is diplomatic to play safe.

NATASHA WAS A GOOD KOMSOMOL

By **Cyril Ray**

MOSCOW. THE newspapers of Moscow devote an enviable amount of space to criticism, and the Evening Moscow gave two columns the other day to its review of a story by a young writer in the magazine "October." It singled out this story for praise because although "much seems familiar—the ordinary people of a steel mill and a familiar romantic situation"—nevertheless "you are seized by the vital and lively reality: the tense struggle of steel-men for a high quality of steel and their desire to do everything so that the Motherland may obtain it before time."

The hero of this story in the magazine "October" is Sergei, brigadier of a Komsomol (that is, a Soviet Youth) brigade in the steel mill, who "dreams of overtaking the output of the skilled worker Bugleyev" and who falls in love with a girl worker named Natasha "and was happy that they had such a pure and exciting love."

But one day the hero, Sergei, tripped over a piece of metal and "quickly threw the piece into the waste bin."

The girl worker Natasha, on duty at the Komsomol post,

sees this wasteful negligence, and, "despite her relations with him, could not and did not cover up his misdemeanour. As an honest and principled Komsomol member she reports him to the Komsomol committee, and Sergei is put on trial before his comrades."

His comrades sentence him to be denounced in the factory newspaper of the steel mill as a squanderer of state property.

"Indeed, who could forgive brigadier Sergei his un-Komsomol behaviour? At a time when the factory was fighting for economy of raw material... he threw into the waste bin 18 kg. of ferromanganese."

Sergei could not, indeed, forgive himself for this waste of state property, but "his false self-esteem and incorrect conception of social duty" force him to quarrel with the girl Natasha. All might well have been over between the two of them had it not been for "the tactful and attentive attitude" of the Party organiser of the steel mill, who helps Sergei to equal the smelting record of the famous worker Bugleyev—and, by so doing, to regain the love of the girl worker Natasha.

"The story successfully conveys," says the critic in the Evening Moscow, "the atmosphere of heroic mill labour, its poetry, and the spiritual greatness and beauty of the Soviet people... they do everything to hasten our Communist tomorrow."

A royal suite at Claridge's can run on one to fifty intercommunicating rooms. As many as eighteen can be linked by a private corridor beyond the main hotel corridor. In case a hand and foot, there are four waiters, six maids, two valets, a porter and a pantryman to every floor, 14 people staffing 50 rooms. No other hotel boasts such standards of service.

One of the worst moments in Claridge's was when 53 chefs and assistants joined strikers of another hotel. The royalties walked with dignity to the restaurant that night and feasted on bread and cheese and coffee. Such contretemps seldom trouble the impeccable atmosphere.

On another occasion Londoners rubbed their eyes at the sight of a white flag, with two sleeve-like streamers, flying from the hotel flagstaff. To avoid confusion and rivalry, royal guests seldom fly their monarch could possibly show a white flag? Just as the polite telephone calls of inquiry began, a skylarking wedding guest confessed he had hoisted a dress shirt.

Pranks are rare, for the hotel management is politely regretful to the vulgar and ostentatious. A daring confidence trickster who ran up a bill of £98 not long ago was brought to book before he could run. Even some of the best-known Hollywood stars have likened Claridge's to the proverbial eye of the needle. Gloria Swanson, Paulette Goddard and Orson Welles, however, are Claridge habitués.

The Maharajah

Yet sometimes the boot is on the other foot. A young English Army officer badly wanted to spend New Year's Eve dining and dancing at Claridge's. For a week he vainly tried to book a table by telephone. Eventually he rang up and successfully booked a table as the Maharajah of Peshawar.

In a turban made of a silk bedspread, with his mother clad in a sari as the dowager Maharajone, and with one or two friends, he duly enjoyed his evening. Perhaps the crucial moment came when he paid his bill. Staunchly the head-waiter with thanks from the Maharajah of Peshawar. As a matter of fact, the management had already discovered that there was no such person. But, from the page boys up, Claridge's is the soul of discretion.

They Listen To Other People's Worries

By **PHYLLIS DAVIS**

IN this unquiet age one would think most people have enough troubles of their own without volunteering for the job of listening to those of other people and then seeking to solve them. Yet some thousands of public spirited men and women in small towns and cities throughout Britain spend a large proportion of their time helping their fellow citizens to understand and overcome the problems of their daily lives.

They are the workers of the Citizens' Advice Bureaux service which came into being in 1938 and developed during World War II into a vast and valuable instrument of aid and guidance.

Although many of the problems which beset Britain's people then have largely disappeared, the humane and worthy work done by the Bureaux still goes on. Today, in 530 centres, 70 percent manned by voluntary workers, 5,000 advisers act as interpreters between Government departments and the ordinary citizen, as well as dealing with all manner of personal and domestic problems.

The Bureaux are part of a national voluntary service whose parent body is the National Council of Social Service. Apart from voluntary contributions, they are maintained largely by financial grants from local authorities, but in every case they remain independent of political or other bias.

Some of the Bureaux are situated in imposing town halls; others in unpretentious, barely furnished halls in small country towns, but everywhere the quality of advice available is equally expert. Every Bureau worker, through conferences arranged by the National Council of Social Service and through travelling officers, is kept supplied with the latest information on legislation and law as they affect the citizen, and with the citizen's rights. A special staff at London headquarters is always busy compiling clear précis on current topics which are sent to all Bureaux.

However well-meaning a volunteer for the service may be, he or she is not eagerly accepted. Bureaubodies and kindly intentioned but muddle-headed workers are not welcomed by

the C.A.B. New recruits, whatever their previous qualifications, are required to undergo a period of training, not only in the technique of sympathetic interviewing, but also to acquire the knowledge about the services on which a Bureau must be prepared to give information and advice.

The leadership is regarded as of first importance, and in large towns this is usually undertaken by a trained social worker, and in other cases by a person chosen for qualities of responsibility and experience in public work.

EXPERTS' PANEL

In addition, each Bureau works in collaboration with a panel of voluntary experts, such as an income tax expert, an insurance manager, a chartered accountant, a house agent and a doctor, as well as with the various specialist social workers available in the locality.

The scene in a Bureau, on any day of the week in any part of the country, is a justification of Britain's traditional trust in its voluntary organisations. Over the door is a bright blue sign illustrated by a beaver, owl, symbol of wisdom. Wherever possible, there is a room apart from main office where shy or distressed visitors may tell their troubles in private.

Taking their turn of duty, which varies according to their own commitments, from a few hours two or three days a week, to a full working day every day, may be a retired judge or barrister, school teachers, retired civil servants, businessmen, Girl Guide or Boy Scout officers, clergymen or former local council officials.

BUSY TELEPHONES

Housing problems predominate, 300,750 queries on this subject dealt with by the Bureaux in one year. How get homes, how to get rents reduced, how to get repairs done by reluctant landlords, the necessary procedure for permits to build or add to existing houses—all these and many other related queries are dealt with. The Citizens' Advice Bureaux have the busiest telephones in Britain, for it is their job to know whom to consult, and quickly, on any difficult problems.

Family and personal, matrimonial and legal questions are all high on the list of worries brought to the sympathetic ears of the Bureau advisers. They get a large proportion of queries on travel, emigration to the Common-

Support Given To The Arts

By **R. G. WEETLOCK**

THE lament of the author of Ecclesiastes that riches came not to men of understanding is not quite so tragically true as it used to be. Perhaps "riches" is a rather disputable word; but it is certainly true that in the England of today men of understanding are under no necessity to beg their bread.

In other words, there exists the Arts Council of Great Britain which is willing to give enlightened support to enterprises of drama, music and the other arts which sincerely contribute to the nation's general culture.

The Arts Council's fifth annual report tells us that the grant from the Exchequer for 1949-50 was £275,000, the same as for the previous year, and gives details of the various enterprises which the Arts Council aids.

In the course of the year a supplementary grant in aid of £25,000 was voted to the Council to buy properties at the Royal Opera House,

Covent Garden, London, including the Library. Apart from this, the actual grant to the Royal Opera House for running expenses was £145,000.

The audiences at the Royal Opera House were considerably larger than in the previous year and reached an average of 85 percent for opera and 94 percent for ballet. There are in all seven opera and ballet companies performing in London which are associated with the Arts Council.

The Council controls the Theatre Royal at Bristol and the Arts Theatre at Salisbury, while theatres at Cambridge, Glasgow and Kildermore are "in association" with the Council. There are 25 theatre companies in Britain associated with the Arts Council, including the Old Vic companies in London and Bristol, and a number of West End commercial managements.

The Council also sponsors art exhibitions and joins with municipal authorities in assisting the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the main English provincial orchestras. Provincial music clubs and societies also benefit from the Arts Council and the Council itself provides nearly 400 concerts a year in smaller places in the United Kingdom, as well as sending acting companies to theatreless towns and villages.

There have probably been few men of letters about whom critics have disagreed so violently as James Boswell who wrote the "Life of Samuel Johnson," one of the greatest books in the English language. Most people are agreed that Boswell was an egregious little coxcomb, and certainly in all his writings he revealed himself as such; and in the great "Life" he is constantly at pains to show himself at a disadvantage in order to exalt and magnify the massive and overpowering hero of his book. Now did Boswell thus belittle himself unconsciously or was it the outcome of a piercing astuteness and an absolute genius for salesmanship?

That is the question critics have wrangled over for two centuries. Dr Johnson was no doubt a great man; but how much of his posthumous greatness does he owe to the fawning, sycophantic little person who trotted round beside him, carefully noting every word, gesture and characteristic which would go to form a great book and exalt Boswell's name as high as Johnson's? Would Johnson have been as great a man if it had not been for Boswell?

Now appears "Boswell's London Journal" (Helmens, 21 shillings) in which the young Scotsman describes with the most disarming frankness his life during his first two years in London (1762-3) a diary which ends after his first meeting with Dr Johnson. These papers were four years time ago in houses in Scotland and Ireland and transferred to the United States, whence they have recently been recovered. They show Boswell to be an expert diarist as well as an expert biographer; absolutely unpretentious, alarmingly confidential and acutely observant of the life of his time.

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WHOSE FAULT IS ALL THIS?

SMELL HIS BREATH

By ERLE STANLEY GARDNER

THE CASE OF THE HOWLING DOG

(CHAPTER 13)

PERRY MASON looked at the clock, then arose, stretched, yawned, and sauntered into the chambers of Judge Markham.

The Judge sat at his table reading the newspaper account, with eyes that held an expression of puzzled bewilderment.

"I don't like to bother you, Judge," said Perry Mason, "but I notice that the time allotted for the recess is up. I am very anxious to conclude my examination of this witness prior to the evening adjournment. In fact, I think that it may well be possible that we can get the case disposed of today."

Judge Markham looked up at Perry Mason, his eyes glinting shrewdly.

"I am wondering," he said, "as to the purpose..."

"Yes," said Perry Mason. "Yes," said Judge Markham.

"Just what were you wondering, Judge?" said Perry Mason.

Judge Markham frowned.

"I don't know as I should guess it," he said, "but I am wondering at the peculiar nature of the request you make that you be allowed to complete your cross-examination of the witness today."

Perry Mason walked back to the courtroom. Almost immediately Judge Markham entered from his chambers. The pounded frantically for a moment and pounded for several minutes before his admonitions wheeled.

The courtroom was in a state of uproar of buzzing confusion, excited commotion, scurrying motion.

At length, was restored. Jurors took their seats. Perry Mason slumped in his chair, apparently utterly unmoved by the startling events of the past few minutes.

"The Benton was on the stand further cross-examination," said Judge Markham.

Claude Drumm got to his feet.

"Objection," he said, "a most killing and unexpected development has taken place. In view of the circumstances, I know at your Honor will not require me to mention the nature of that development, at least the presence of the jury. I feel that as an officer of the State, as a deputy prosecutor, who is familiar with the facts of this case, my presence is urgently required elsewhere, and I request an adjournment of this case until tomorrow morning."

Judge Markham looked over his glasses at Perry Mason.

"Any objection, Counsel?" he asked.

"Yes," said Perry Mason, getting to his feet. "The rights of the defendant demand that the cross-examination of this witness be conducted at this session of the court. I mentioned this matter before I started the cross-examination, and that was with specific understanding which had with counsel."

"That is correct," said Judge Markham. "The request for a continuance will be denied."

Perry Mason looked up at the witness stand. Her face was as white as the wall in back of her.

"Now," said Perry Mason slowly, "as I understand your testimony, Paula Cartwright left the residence on Ripas Drive in a taxicab on the morning of October 17."

"That is correct," she said. "You saw her leave?"

"Yes," she said in a low voice.

granted that the woman was Mrs. Cartwright.

"Then you didn't see her?" pressed Perry Mason.

"No," she said in a low voice. "Now," said Perry Mason, "you have identified this letter as being in the handwriting of Mrs. Cartwright."

"Yes, sir," Perry Mason produced the photostatic copy of the telegram which had been sent from Midwick.

"And," he said, "will you identify the photostatic copy of this telegram as also being in the handwriting of Paula Cartwright?"

The witness looked at the telegram, hesitated, bit her lip.

"They're the same handwriting, are they not?" asked Perry Mason—"those two documents?"

When she answered, her voice was so low as to be almost inaudible.

"Yes," she said, "I guess they're in the same handwriting."

"Don't you know?" said Perry Mason. "You unhesitatingly identified the letter as being in the handwriting of Paula Cartwright. How about this telegram? Is that, or is that not, in the handwriting of Paula Cartwright?"

"Yes," said the witness in an almost inaudible voice. "It is Mrs. Cartwright's handwriting."

"So," said Perry Mason, "Mrs. Cartwright sent this telegram from Midwick on the morning of October 17?"

"I guess so," said the witness in a low voice.

Judge Markham pounded with his gavel.

"Mrs. Benton," he said, "you've got to speak up so the jury can understand you. Speak more loudly, please."

She raised her head, stared at the judge, and swayed slightly.

Claude Drumm was on his feet. "Your Honor," he said, "it now appears that the witness is ill. I again ask for a continuance, out of justice to this witness, who has doubtless sustained a very great shock."

Judge Markham slowly shook his head.

"I think the cross-examination should continue," he said.

He said, "I think the cross-examination should continue, at least the presence of the jury. I feel that as an officer of the State, as a deputy prosecutor, who is familiar with the facts of this case, my presence is urgently required elsewhere, and I request an adjournment of this case until tomorrow morning."

Judge Markham looked over his glasses at Perry Mason.

"Any objection, Counsel?" he asked.

"Yes," said Perry Mason, getting to his feet. "The rights of the defendant demand that the cross-examination of this witness be conducted at this session of the court. I mentioned this matter before I started the cross-examination, and that was with specific understanding which had with counsel."

"That is correct," said Judge Markham. "The request for a continuance will be denied."

Perry Mason looked up at the witness stand. Her face was as white as the wall in back of her.

"Now," said Perry Mason slowly, "as I understand your testimony, Paula Cartwright left the residence on Ripas Drive in a taxicab on the morning of October 17."

"That is correct," she said. "You saw her leave?"

"Yes," she said in a low voice.

"Yes," said Perry Mason. "But the fact remains that your right hand was bandaged on the 17th day of October of this year, and remained bandaged for several days thereafter, isn't that right?"

"Yes," said Perry Mason. "And you couldn't hold a pen in that hand?"

There was a moment of silence, then the witness said suddenly: "Yes. And that goes to show how false your accusation is that I wrote that letter or that telegram. My hand was crippled so that I couldn't possibly have held a pen in it."

"Where you," snapped Perry Mason, "on Midwick on the 17th day of October of this year?"

The witness hesitated.

"Didn't you," went on Perry Mason without waiting for an answer, "charter an aeroplane and fly to Midwick on the 17th day of October of this year?"

"Yes," said the witness, "I thought I might find Mrs. Cartwright in Midwick, and I went there by plane."

"And didn't you file this telegram at the telephone office in Midwick while you were there?" asked Perry Mason.

"No," she said, "I have told you that I couldn't have written that telegram."

"Very well," said Perry Mason, "Let's go back a moment to this mangled hand of yours. It was so badly mangled you couldn't possibly hold a pen in your right hand?"

"Yes," said Perry Mason, "Isn't it a fact that you kept a diary over the period I have mentioned?"

"Yes," she said swiftly, before she thought, then suddenly caught her breath, bit her lip and said, "No."

"Which is it?" said Perry Mason. "Yes or no?"

"No," she said.

Perry Mason whipped a torn sheet of paper from his pocket.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "Isn't that a sheet of paper which came from a diary which you kept on or about that date—to wit, the 18th of October of this year?"

The witness stared at the torn piece of paper, said nothing.

"And isn't it," said Perry Mason, "a fact that you are ambidextrous; that you were keeping the diary during that time, and that you made entries in it with a pen that was held in your left hand? Isn't it a fact that you have always been able to write with your left hand, and that you do so whenever you wish to disguise your writing. Isn't it a fact that you have in your possession such a diary, from which this torn leaf, and that the handwriting on this torn leaf is exactly identical with the handwriting shown on the letter purported to have been written by Paula Cartwright, and on the telegram purported to have been filed by her?"

The witness rose to her feet, looked at Judge Markham with glassy eyes, stared at the jury, then parted her white lips and screamed.

Bedlam broke loose in the courtroom. Baliffs pounded for order. Deputies ran toward the witness.

Claude Drumm was on his feet, frantically shouting a motion for adjournment which was lost in the turmoil of noise.

Perry Mason walked back to the counsel table and sat down. Deputies reached the side of Thelma Benton. They took her elbows and started to pilot her from the witness stand. She abruptly pitched forward in a dead faint.

Perry Mason approached the jurors, stared at them quickly for a few moments.

"Gentlemen," he said, "a fortunate break on the part of the main witness for the prosecution has saved you the possibility of working an irreparable wrong upon an innocent woman."

"The evidence in this case is purely circumstantial. From the circumstances of the case, the prosecution is entitled to make any deductions it desires; also, the defence is entitled to make any deductions it desires."

"Let me, therefore, take the circumstances of this case and outline to you first, the impossibility of the crime having been committed by the defendant, and second, the possibility that it was committed by some other person."

"In the first place, the evidence shows that the person who murdered Clinton Forbes entered the house either with a passkey or with a key which was rightfully in the possession of such person. The evidence shows that that person went to the room where Forbes was engaged in shaving. The evidence shows that

Forbes strode out of his bedroom into the library, saw who the intruder was; that he then became alarmed, ran back to the bathroom, and liberated the police dog which had been chained in the bathroom. It is apparent that when he heard someone in the library, Forbes mopped the latter from his face with a towel as he walked out to the library. After he held the intruder, he ran back to the bathroom and unchained the dog. As he did so, he used both hands to unchain the dog, and dropped the towel containing the latter which had been wiped from his face. This towel was dropped near the edge of the bathtub, in exactly the position where it would have been dropped, logically and naturally, under the circumstances. The dog sprang toward the intruder with bared teeth, and as counsel for the prosecution has so aptly remarked, and as witnesses for the prosecution have so truthfully testified, endeavored to save the life of his master. The assassin shot the dog at close quarters. The power arms are on the fur of the dog. That shows that the dog was actually attacking the murderer when the shots were fired."

"After those shots were fired, the intruder grappled with Clinton Forbes. It will never be known whether the intruder came to meet Clinton Forbes, or whether Forbes rushed to meet the intruder, but the shots which killed Forbes were fired at close range."

"Gentlemen, it is the contention of the prosecution that these shots were fired by the defendant in this case. There is, gentlemen, one unanswerable objection to such a theory. That is, that if the intruder had been the defendant in this case, the police dog would not have rushed upon the defendant; nor would it have been necessary for the defendant to have shot the dog. The dog knew the defendant and loved her. The dog would never have charged upon the defendant under these circumstances, but would rather have given vent to joyous barks of canine gratification that the two persons whom it loved had been reunited."

"That, gentlemen, disposes of the case of the prosecution."

"Now let me point out the significant circumstances which indicate that the murder was committed by some other person."

"There is evidence in this case that Arthur Cartwright complained of a dog howling on the premises of Clinton Forbes, on the night of October 18. The dog howled continuously during the night, the howls being from the back of the house and in the neighborhood of the addition to the garage which was being duly constructed."

"Gentlemen, let us suppose that there had been an altercation between Paula Cartwright and Clinton Forbes. Let us suppose that Clinton Forbes, during that altercation, had murdered Paula Cartwright. Let us suppose that he and Thelma Benton, together, had scooped out a hollow grave in the soil where the cement floor of the new garage building was to be poured. And we might even suppose, in view of the terms of the note which Thelma Benton subsequently wrote as purporting to come from the pen of Paula Cartwright, that the quarrel resulted from the discovery of an intimacy between Forbes and Thelma Benton by Paula Cartwright."

"Mrs. Cartwright had given up her social position, her right to be considered a respectable member of society, in order to run away with Clinton Forbes, where she lived with him under such circumstances that she was barred from all friendships of her past life; could form no new friendships; was a woman continually haunted by the fear of discovery. And then she found that the sacrifice she had made was for nothing; that the love she thought she had gained by such a sacrifice was, in reality, a hollow mockery, and that Clinton Forbes was no more true to her than he had been true to the wife whom he had deserted in Santa Barbara."

"Paula Cartwright quarrelled bitterly and her lips were sealed forever by the two assassins who secretly buried her body. The Chinese cook was asleep. Only the stars of the night and the guilty consciences of the murderous pair who scooped out the shallow grave knew what was going on. But there was one other who knew. That was a faithful

police dog. He smelled the cold corpse. He knew that it was interred in a shallow grave and he watched by that grave and howled."

"Arthur Cartwright had been watching the house. He didn't realize the significance of the dog's steady howling of the dog, but it did prey upon his overwrought nerves. He took steps to see that the dog did not howl any more, thinking at the time he instituted such steps that the howling of the dog was nothing more than a vagary of the canine mind. But at some time during the next night, the frightful significance of those howls dawned upon him. His mind filled with suspicion, Arthur Cartwright set out to investigate."

"Clinton Forbes and his pseudo-housekeeper had embarked upon a career of murder. They found themselves confronted with an accusation of the crime. A man who was almost as one bereft of reason demanded that he be confronted with Paula Cartwright, in order that he might see for himself that she was alive and well."

"Gentlemen," said Perry Mason, lowering his voice impressively, "there was only one thing which the conspirators could do to preserve their secret. There was one more ghastly step which they had to take in order to put the seal of silence upon the lips of the man who was mouthing accusations which they knew would soon be made to the authorities, and would soon result in an investigation. They fell upon him and murdered him, as they had murdered his wife, and they buried his body beside hers, knowing that on the next day the cement workers would pour cement over the place where the shallow graves were located, forever sealing off the ghastly evidence of the dastardly crime."

"The guilty pair were then confronted with the necessity of explaining the simultaneous absence of both Arthur Cartwright and his wife. There was no way they could do it and that was by making it appear that husband and wife had become reunited and had run away together. Thelma Benton was ambidextrous. This fact was known to Clinton Forbes. He also knew that it was extremely unlikely anyone would have any specimen of the genuine handwriting of Paula Cartwright. She was a woman estranged from the world; one who had burnt her bridges behind her. She had no friends to whom she cared to write. There was no one to come forward with a specimen of the woman's handwriting. So the letter was forged. The name was signed, the bridges were burnt once more, and once more the guilty pair proceeded upon their career of deception."

"Gentlemen, I need not mention to you the inevitable result of such a combination of wickedness, founded upon crime, nurtured in deception, and culminating in murder. There were two conspirators, each of whom knew that the other had the power to send the long arm of the law swooping down in righteous reprisal. Thelma Benton was the first to act. She left the house at six o'clock and repaired to a rendezvous with a male friend. What she said to him, we need not ask. We are only concerned with what happened. And, mind you, I am making no case against Thelma Benton and her accomplices, but am only pointing out to you what might have happened, as a reasonable hypothesis upon which the evidence can be explained. Thelma Benton and her accomplice returned to the house. They entered, by using the key of the pseudo-housekeeper. Upon guilty feet, the pair stalked their living prey, as though he had been a beast of the jungle. But the sensitive ears of the dog heard and interpreted that which was happening."

"Alarmed by the barking of the dog, Clinton Forbes stepped out of the bathroom. He saw his housekeeper standing there, and wiped the latter from his face as he started to talk to her. Then he saw the man who was with her, and knew the purpose of her visit. In a panic, he rushed to the bathroom and liberated the dog. The dog sprang at the masculine intruder and two men shot. The dog fell lifeless to the floor. Forbes struggled with the woman and then there were two more shots fired at close range, and then—silence."

Perry Mason came to an abrupt halt. He stared seriously at the jury. In a voice that was so low it could hardly be heard, he said, "Gentlemen, that is all."

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)



WINDOW ON THE WORLD

By John Ashwin

PRESS-button insurance has just arrived in America. The buttons are on the first world-wide air travel insurance machines installed at New York's new 5,000-acre Idlewild airport.

For once, however, the invention is not an American one. The pioneers are Air France and Air Hostesses explain the scheme to all passengers when they arrive at the airport. Policies are sold by £1,750 units to a ceiling of £8,750. The minimum premium is 1s. 6d. and costs rise proportionately depending on the journey, although it costs no more to insure for a trip across desert or ocean than it does to fly across the most populated areas.

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Iron Fist

AS the rule of Tito's "Iron Fist" spreads through Yugoslavia, correspondent Fred Manor gives some idea of what happens to anyone found trading on the black market.

Recently the first shipment of American food was unloaded in the Yugoslav port of Fiume. The prospect of its arrival inspired one black marketer to sell as much food as possible to the starving people of Fiume before American aid put him out of business. As the manager of a state coal mine he was receiving special rations for his miners. It was not the American aid that put him out of business, however, but a Yugoslav "People's Court." Arrested on charges of selling rations on the black market, he was found guilty and shot.

Fraulein Dick

A LUST for adventure among thousands of frauleins is providing Germany's Private Detective Association with one of its longest queues of would-be detectives since before the war. In the past year, Herbert Pfeiffer, chairman of the Association, has received more than 1,500 inquiries from would-be schoolgirl sleuths, not to mention nearly 7,000 applications from mystery-minded schoolboys.

The girls want to join the Association because they believe it must be "such an exciting and romantic life." Firmly and unromantically, Herr Pfeiffer rejects them all. A detective himself, he explains that he is not really being unkind. If they worked with the Association they would have to trace anonymous letters, investigate divorce and paternity cases and (very occasionally) chase car thieves. "As most of my applicants are between 14 and 18, the work would obviously not be suitable for them."

Promising boy applicants are, however, given a trial at a special training centre run by the police. As most of the recruits to German private detection are enrolled from the Police, the Centre gives schoolboy enthusiasts a good idea of the high standards of efficiency required if he is ever to make a German Sherlock Holmes.

Not Ordered

AN ability to act, a determination to make money at all costs and, (in the Middle East) your only stumbling block will be the police.

Writing from Cairo, Margaret Gilruth tells of the young speculator who followed up "death" notices in local papers. Discovering a death in a wealthy district he would visit the address—ask to see the person who had died. When told of the sad news he would pretend to be distressed and embarrassed, explaining that a lavishly embellished and inscribed Koran (Islam Bible) had been ordered by the deceased but a few weeks previously. The relatives would be so touched that they would buy the Bible without hesitation, often paying an extra £1 as the deceased "would have wished it that way."

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The police registered their first win of the Pentangular Rugby Tournament since prewar days on Saturday while the Army just struggled home in the last two minutes in what proved to be a thrilling and gruelling encounter.

The Army, with a strong cold wind behind their backs, kicked off but, surprisingly, early pressure came first from the sailors who were unable, however, to press home the advantage.

Until Clayden paved the way for an Army attack with a lofty clearance and Goldschmidt brought his outsiders into the attack things looked dangerous for the Army.

EASTERN ALL TO SPONSOR COLONY OPEN SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP (By "ARGONAUT")

At long last, a Colony Open Snooker Championship will be held. Eastern Athletic Association have taken the lead of sponsoring the tournament and have written to all the leading Clubs in Hongkong to send a representative each to a meeting which will be held at the Association's club house, 133, Thomson Road, on January 24.

Although there are still a number of Clubs which have not been able as yet to provide their members with the prewar billiards and snooker facilities, the number of billiards and snooker enthusiasts in the Colony today is well over the four figure mark. The step taken by Eastern is a commendable one and should receive the support of all clubs and snooker enthusiasts.

It is learnt that a move is also being made to form a Hongkong Billiards and Snooker Association which will seek affiliation with the main body in England, and the meeting of representatives on January 24 will be the first step in this direction.

Included in the agenda is the election of an Executive Committee to run the tournament and a discussion on the rules for the Championship. It has been suggested that the championship be run on the individual knockout system, and that all matches should consist of three frames each, except the semi-finals and the finals which will be of five frames. The entrance fee will be \$3 per player and all games are to be played at the Eastern club room. The games will be controlled by the referee appointed by the Executive Committee and he will be a member of a club other than that to which either of the competitors belongs. Correspondence on this subject may be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Low, c/o Eastern Athletic Association, 133 Thomson Road, Hongkong.

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Hongkong's Teams Against Danish XI

Three local sides to play the Danish Football team which is due here on January 31 were selected by the Interport sub-committee of the Hongkong Football Association last night.

The Hongkong Selection XI (drawn from Clubs on the Island) to meet the Danes on February 6 is: Tam Kwan-tan, Etheridge, Lau Yee, Wooten, Kwok Ying-kee, Santos, Xavier, Lee Yuk-tak, Gardner (Capt.), Omar, and Hau Ching-to.

The Interport team for the following day is: Yu Yiu-tak (KMB), Hau Yung-sang (KMB), Lal Wai (Police), Tang Sum (KMB), Copper (Army), Tong Cheung (SCA), Ho Ying-tan (KMB), Chu Wing-keung (SCA), Li Chun-fat (KMB), Y. H. Chouk-yin (SCA), and Mok Chun-wah (SCA).

The Kowloon Selection XI (drawn from Kowloon Clubs) to play the Danes on February 10 is: Yu Yiu-tak, Hau Yung-sang, Lal Wai (Police), Tang Sum (KMB), Copper (Army), Tong Cheung (SCA), Ho Ying-tan (KMB), Chu Wing-keung (SCA), Li Chun-fat (KMB), Y. H. Chouk-yin (SCA), and Mok Chun-wah (SCA).

ARMY COMPETITION
The following is the draw for the first round of the Army Challenge Cup association football competition:
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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

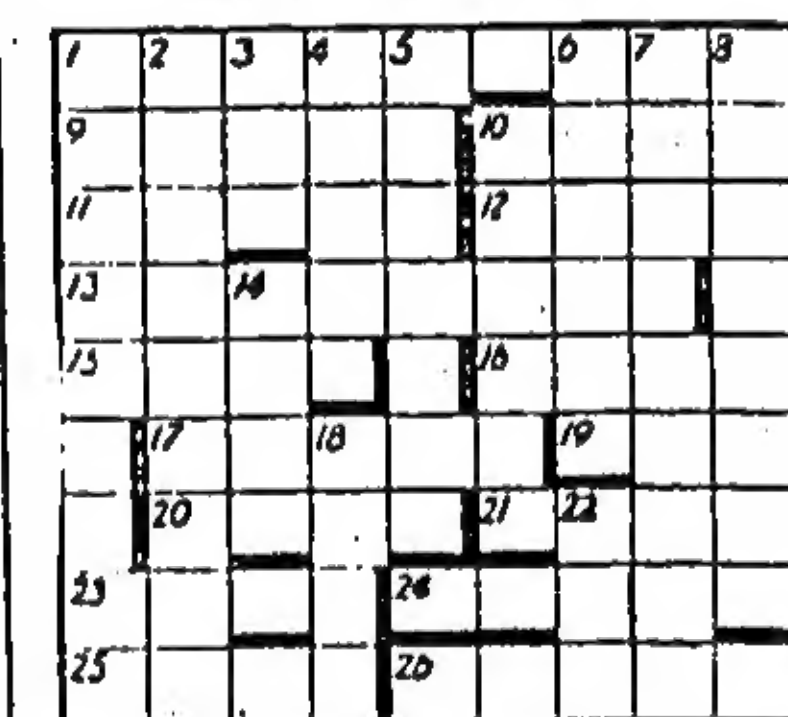
MORGUENNE! Ventre guennel! What is described as "a group of leading world scientists," supported by that grotesque gadget Unesco, has startled the nations with the discovery that there is no justification for discriminating against a man because of his colour or his race.

Their next earth-shaking discovery will be that every man—white, yellow, brown or black—has an immortal soul, and that all are equal in the sight of God. This announcement may be somewhat delayed, as they are still trying to locate the soul. The latest theory is that it is under the rattlatory haulm of the left elbow.

The Strabismus six (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht has invented a motor-car which bids fair to etc., etc. It will cost 2375,000 to build, will have four engines and nine wheels (one under the grid-iron valve). It will be so delicate in its mechanism that it will have to be flown to its destination, and will probably not go at all in cloudy weather. But when it does go, it will move beautifully, and will have four wheels instead of two to take the corners at a speed so frightful that one will almost wish it had never started. Oh—and what cylinders!

Better than real dew
"YES, she's nice enough, but she doesn't look dewy," How often one hears that said. Very well. I have before me a cutting which tells women how to look dewy. Pointing out that flowers glistening with dewdrops are a lovely sight, it says that a real or artificial flower worn on the dress should have one or two pearls of different sizes stuck to it. Then "a minute touch of nail varnish."

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Sort of security trustee who offers the dowry to (4, 6)
(5) 10. Such is renowned, made from (2, 6)
11. This kind of fiery brandy is made from (2, 6)
12. Times from Vera's diary. (4)
13. Such a person borrows freely from various sources, not exclusive in (2, 6)
14. Be careful, this is your downfall. (4)
15. You may shake your thumb from them. (6)
16. Overhead in shattered buildings. (4)
17. Dry sort of food (4)
18. Reputedly very close to love. (4)
19. The twinkler of this tar's eye. (4)
20. Reverse of being fed in the morning. (6)
21. You have been promised a and if you do (4)
22. What a Brownie will do when she knows up. (6)
Down
1. A ruler (and this is no nursery toy). (4)
2. Count a lie to impregnate (4)
3. You'll find this is topping. (4)
4. To know is to have a symbol (6)
5. This is overdecorated. (6)
6. Wanted (6)
7. Crossed when fed sides differently. (6)
8. Unanimous object worshipped by savages (6)
9. Peculiar ending (4)
10. Part of football where you go to pray. (4)
11. French pal in (4)
12. French pal in (4)

Check Your Knowledge

1. Why should textiles be manufactured in damp regions?
2. What country produces the finest rubies?
3. What is "mal de mer"?
4. To what country does Dermuda belong?
5. What is a meen?
6. What military honour is a Purple Heart?

(Answers on Page 12)

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

If you are born today, you are one of the ambitious ones of the world. You set your face toward a goal and then put all your energies and interests into reaching it. Since you have a fine power of concentration, you should be able to forge ahead easily and quickly. Your perceptions are quick and you can size up a situation accurately at first glance. This gives you the ability to seize opportunities before others can even get in on the ground floor!

The stars have given you a great deal of talent in a number of directions. Consequently, it is a good thing you have an instinctive gift for knowing what you want to do and sticking to it. Otherwise, you might be tempted to scatter your interests too widely to become master of any one.

Although highly critical, you are usually just. Those who are usually just. Those who are usually just.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A good evening for entertaining. Invite a few of your most congenial friends to your home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be friendly today. Others may hesitate to make advances. Perhaps it is your place to do so!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—This is a work day. Concentrate on it. Don't let anything interfere. Then get to bed early.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Telephone a friend who may have been waiting to hear from you. Go shopping together.

TAURUS (Mar. 21-Apr. 21)—Don't be afraid to ask a question if something is worrying you. A co-worker can help.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Don't waste time. If you have made plans carefully then all should work out efficiently.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A business opportunity may open up. New avenues of progress. You can probably increase your income.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be patient this morning. Progress may not be as fast as you wish. Evening hours are best.

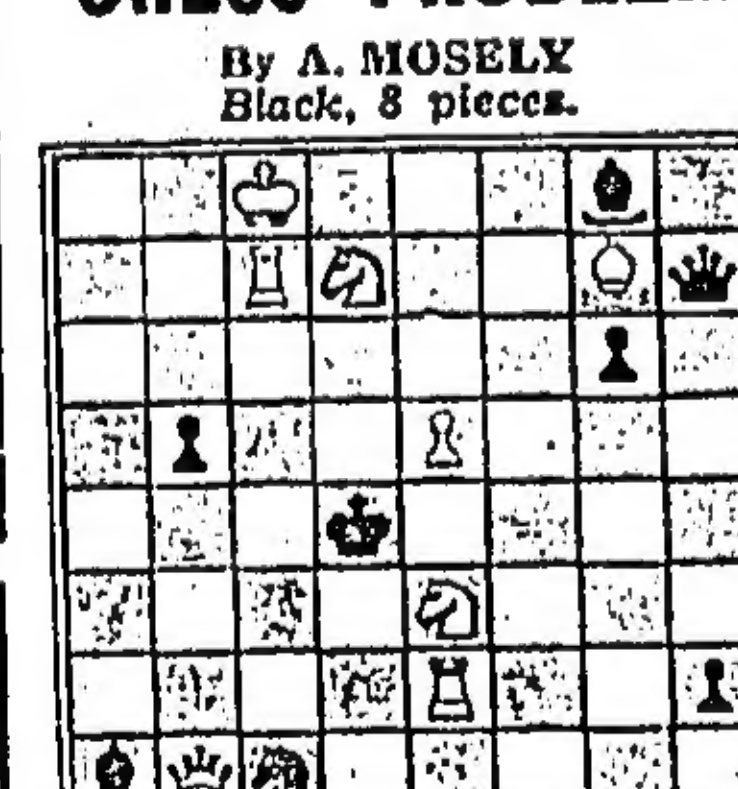
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If work is disappointing, don't let it bother you too much. Get a change of scene and relax!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A fine day for traveling. If contemplating a journey this is a good time to start out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Your avocation may bring the change of activity that is needed to stimulate your desire to work!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Stick to routine long enough to finish a job. Then seek recreation.

CHESS PROBLEM



White, 8 pieces.
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Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-Q6. 1... R-KB1; 2. Q-K5 (ch); 1... P-Kt4; 2. E-B5 (ch); 1... Kt-B6; 2. QXP (ch); 1... K-Q6; 2. Q-K5; 1... others; 2. Q-B4 (ch).

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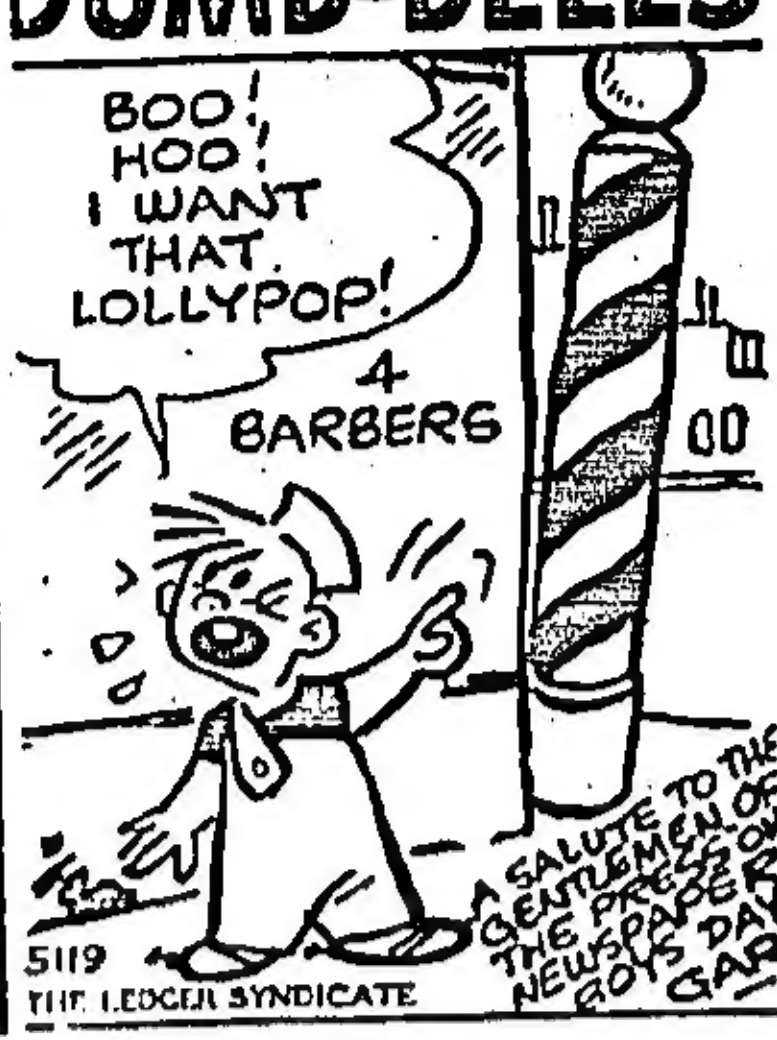
Mr. Churchill's actress daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Anthony Beauchamp, are planning to make their permanent home in America.

"We have fallen in love with Hollywood, so much so that we hope to make it our future home," writes Beauchamp in an American magazine article.

Beauchamp and his wife were married in October 1949. They live in a house near the beach at Santa Monica.

Beauchamp is a photographer. Mrs. Beauchamp is making films in Hollywood.

DUMB BELLS



BY FRANK ROBBINS

North knew he was taking a big risk when he raised to three no-trump. However, the hand took place towards the end of a team match, and North knew that the other team (which was a couple of thousand points behind) would be stretching all possible game in the effort to catch up. If the game could be made, North wanted his partner to be in it; if it couldn't be made, North knew that both teams would lose the same amount.

On the first trick, East put up the queen of clubs, and Stayman won in his own hand with the king. He returned to the king of diamonds from the eight of diamonds from Stayman to lead the queen of diamonds, in the expectation that East would have to drop the nine or jack.

This time West took his ace of diamonds. For lack of a better return (clubs looked dangerous, since South might have the seven for all West knew), West led back his last diamond to East's jack. East then led his remaining club, and declarer won with the ace.

Business was picking up, since Stayman could now count on five tricks in the minor suits. But how to extract four more tricks from spades and hearts?

POCKET CARTOON



INTELLIGENCE TEST

Just a proverb
By T. O. HARE

"HAVE A GO AT THIS, Mr. Hare," said Rachel Rabbit, "this was an apparently meaningless message:

IT IS REPAIRED
"One of the furthest girls has sent it to me," explained Rachel. "It says 'It is a proverb and that you'll be able to decipher it in ten to no time.'"

It didn't take me long. I must admit.

What is the name of the sender?

(Solution on Page 12)

By Frank Robbins



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Convention-Maker Shows His Stuff

By OSWALD JACOBY

SAMUEL STAYMAN, of New York, is one of the members of the American team that is representing this country against England and the rest of Europe in an international bridge match at Bermuda.

Stayman is probably best known for the bidding convention that bears his name. He can also play the cards magnificently, as this hand, taken from this summer's national championships, clearly shows.

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South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♠	Pass	7♥	Pass
8♠	Pass	8♥	Pass
9♠	Pass	9♥	Pass
10♠	Pass	10♥	Pass
11♠	Pass	11♥	Pass
12♠	Pass	12♥	Pass
13♠	Pass	13♥	Pass
14♠	Pass	14♥	Pass
15♠	Pass	15♥	Pass
16♠	Pass	16♥	Pass
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31♠	Pass	31♥	Pass
32♠	Pass	32♥	Pass
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67♠	Pass	67♥	Pass
68♠	Pass	68♥	Pass
69♠	Pass	69♥	Pass
70♠	Pass	70♥	Pass
71♠	Pass	71♥	Pass
72♠	Pass	72♥	Pass
73♠	Pass	73♥	Pass
74♠	Pass	74♥	Pass
75♠	Pass	75♥	Pass
76♠	Pass	76♥	Pass
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94♠	Pass	94♥	Pass
95♠	Pass	95♥	Pass
96♠	Pass	96♥	Pass
97♠	Pass	97♥	Pass
98♠	Pass	98♥	Pass
99♠	Pass	99♥	Pass
100♠	Pass	100♥	Pass

He cashed the last diamond, hoping that a clue would be forthcoming—and was rewarded when East signalled with the eight of hearts. Stayman reasoned that East would have thrown the nine rather than the eight if he could have done so, which meant that West held the nine of hearts. Also that East probably started with at least four and possibly five hearts headed by the king-queen. A lot of information to extract from a single eight-spot—but all of it was logical!

He therefore led the ten of hearts from his hand, letting it ride to East's queen. East knew it would do him no good to return a heart to a dummy's ace-jack, so he led a low spade. Declarer played low and West properly played low, allowing dummy to win with the nine.

Stayman was now sure of two spades and one heart, but still needed another trick in the major suits. He led a low spade to his ace, and then East jack of clubs, and there East had to return a heart up to dummy's ace-jack, thus giving Stayman his game contract.

The twenty-second in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hong-kong by Mr S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 8.30.

For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries for subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson 22
Looking For A Job
(1) How to find a job.
(2) How to apply for a job.
(3) How to interview for a job.
(4) How to negotiate for a job.
(5) How to accept a job.
(6) How to resign from a job.
(7) How to find a job.
(8) How to apply for a job.
(9) How to interview for a job.
(10) How to negotiate for a job.
(11) How to accept a job.
(12) How to resign from a job.

Vocabulary:
1. Look for (1). Work. Labour.
2. Apply (1). To know how to.
3. Interview (1). To be acquainted with.
4. Negotiate (1). To call. To tell of order.
5. Accept (1). To be able to do it.
6. Resign (1). To be able to do it.
7. Find (1). To be able to do it.
8. Apply (1). To be able to do it.
9. Interview (1). To be able to do it.
10. Negotiate (1). To be able to do it.
11. Accept (1). To be able to do it.
12. Resign (1). To be able to do it.

TRYING TO SOLVE FLOUR MYSTERY

The Ministry of Food is trying to solve a great flour mystery.

Officials noticed that, in spite of a drop of nine percent in the consumption of bread in the last year, there was no corresponding fall in the use of subsidised flour.

Where is the flour going? Someone suggested that some bakers are claiming the bread subsidy for flour they use to make dog biscuits and rusks for sausage fillings. They could sell these at prices below those charged by the regular manufacturers, who get no subsidy.

So now investigators are out watching bakers and checking their accounts.

In one South London bakery, two Ministry men spent a whole week going through the records.

Millions of pounds are involved. The bread and flour subsidy last year was about £89 million. It is paid to bakers at the rate of 7s. 1d. per sack of flour used in the making of national bread.

With Pinch Of Salt

Does a pinch of salt in a baby's feeding-bottle make him into a big man? The mother of Brian Hayes, National Serviceman, says she followed "the ancient recipe," and it "made big bones" for Brian. Hayes is 6ft. 4in. tall, weighs 19st. 8lb.; the Army cannot find a uniform to fit him.

But doctors take this pinch of salt business with a pinch of salt. They say it is an old wives' tale.

What caused Brian's growth is over-activity of the endocrine glands, especially the anterior lobe of the pituitary. This helped to produce the hormones which lengthen the bones.

What caused the glands to work overtime? This is one of the biological mysteries. Doctors say the salt was not responsible. "It would only increase the baby's thirst."

"BATTLE BAY" REBUILDING

Work is expected to begin shortly on the reconstruction of St. Margaret's Bay, the nearest point to the Continent. It is 22 miles from Cap Gris Nez.

Once a famous beauty spot, it was shelled by cross-channel guns throughout World War Two. Soldiers training for D-Day used its ruined buildings as a battle school, with bombardments by German artillery to provide realism.

When the war ended Channel gales continued the work of destruction, and for five years St. Margaret's Bay has been in danger of being swept into the sea. Private owners could not afford to build a sea wall, and two years ago Dover Rural District Council was authorised to buy it for development as a seaside resort.

Now the council has accepted a tender for £49,908 for a diff. protection scheme which is expected to take a year to complete.

Shaw's House Has Tenant

Whoever goes to live in Shaw's Corners, GBS's old home at Ayot St. Lawrence, will keep the three living rooms on the ground floor just as Shaw left them. These rooms will be open to visitors. But the tenant will have 10 rooms to live in and arrange as he likes.

Mr. Joseph Horowitz has offered to rent Shaw's Corners. He is an old friend and a member of the Shaw Society.

Mr. Horowitz, 53-year-old retired leather goods manufacturer, lives in Oxford Street, London. He is a widower, lost his only son in the war, is Hungarian born, but has lived in Britain nearly all his life.

Shaw gave his home to the National Trust, but left no money for its upkeep. Only sources of income to maintain it would be visitors' fees and rent from a tenant.

DRY HOTEL TURNS WET

One of London's best-known temperance hotels, the Bonington, in Southampton Row, Holborn, may go "wet."

The 250-room hotel was founded as a strictly non-alcoholic place in 1911 by a staunch teetotaler, John Frame. His grandson is now head of the company.

Why the change? "Public demand," reporters were told. "Visitors from overseas in particular expect a big hotel to have a licence. It will be only for the restaurant and for functions. We are not asking permission to have a bar."

Many applauded this sentiment from the company: "There is so much dictation to people nowadays that we thought we, at least, did not want to dictate to the public. Let them decide. And is not the modern view that temperance means moderation?"

The application for a licence will go before the Brewster Sessions in February.
